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FAILLITE "SUCCESSION JEAN HENRI BURKHARD"

Clôture de la faillite

La liquidation de la faillite "Succession Jean Henri BURKHARD" a été clôturée par Ordonnance de la Cour Consulaire Suisse en Chine, rendue le 22 décembre 1937.

L'OFFICE DES FAILLITES près le CONSULAT GENERAL DE SUISSE

Shanghai, le 23 décembre 1937.

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NOTICE

JAPANESE CONSULATE-GENERAL, SHANGHAI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a temporary branch-office of this Consulate-General located at 31 The Bund (N. Y. K. Office) will be closed on and after December 27, 1937.

JAPANESE CONSULATE-GENERAL, SHANGHAI

December 25, 1937.

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JOHN HALL OSBORNE
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to The Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims against the estate of the above who died on the 24th day of June 1937 at Woodside Ensbury in the County of Dorset in England are hereby requested to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned the Solicitors of Geoffrey Herbert Wright the duly appointed Attorney of Jane Jenkinson Osborne the widow and executrix of the said deceased on or before March 1 1938 AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

HANSONS,
39 Peking Road, Shanghai.

December 28, 1937

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ANNIE MAUD PARKER
Deceased

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By Order of the Directors,
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Shanghai, December 24, 1937.

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By Order,
T. Y. CHEN,
Acting Secretary.

COUNCIL ROOM,
TIENTSIN, CHINA,
December 14, 1937.

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29 A.D.C. Club Evening, Lyceum, 9
31 German A.D.C.

JANUARY

1 German A.D.C.
3 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
4 For. Y. lect. Mr. L. V. Arnoldov, 8.30
4 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
5 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
6 Theosophical Soc., Open Meeting, 153 Nanking Rd., Public Invited, 6
6 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Shai. Reel Club ann. gen. mtg. and 1st practice, B.F. recreation centre, 8.30
8 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
11 For. Y. lect. Mr. E. J. Ottewell, 8.30
12 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
13 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
14 For. Y. Next evening of music, 8.30
14 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
15 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
18 For. Y. lect. Chap. F. R. Hamilton, 8.30
19 St. Patrick's Soc. ann. mtg. Palace, 5.15
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Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our Office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighteenth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on Thursday, December 30, 1937, at 4 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Ningpo Road, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts up to June 30, 1937.
(2) To elect Directors.
(3) To appoint Auditors.
(4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from December 24 to December 30, 1937, both days inclusive.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Shanghai, December 16, 1937.

NOTE:—Shareholders are requested to notify the Agents promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend.

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Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our Office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 3 to January 7, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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General Managers

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Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our Office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 3 to January 7, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, December 20, 1937.

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Football Matches
H.M.S. Capetown
Local Weddings
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Owing to additional orders for copies of the winning picture of the "North-China Daily News" "Incident" Competition, Air Raid, it has been decided to postpone closing date of purchases until December 31.

This extension has been made possible by reason of the co-operation of "Kitch," who took the picture and, because many have signified their intention of forwarding such prints abroad. Intending purchasers, therefore, are advised to place their orders immediately with the General Office, first floor, North-China Building.

Prints of this excellent study are available, 10 x 12, and buyers should send cash or cheque, at $5 per print, at once as 48 hours' notice must be given for preparation. The current production is available to-day, but special orders, including other than glossy, require an additional 24 hours for preparation.

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Used by Imperial Airways

Mr. Halbert said he hoped that means would be devised by which the compound would be mechanically distributed, and the mechanism automatically actuated by the advent of ice-forming conditions.

Imperial Airways flying-boats and other air liners now have their vulnerable parts painted with the compound. It is stated that Capt. Powell, the commander of the Cambria, reported, after the last of her recent flights across the Atlantic, that after two hours of blinding rain, the compound remained in sufficient quantity to be efficacious.

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The nature of the compound is a secret. The weight sufficient for one Empire flying-boat is about 30lb., and the cost works out at about 2s 6d per lb.

In the United States an ice-breaking contrivance has been officially approved. It consists of a flat rubber tube along the leading edge. The mechanically-induced pulsations of the tube break up the ice.

MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA CONCERT

In spite of the rival attractions of a carol service at the Cathedral and the domestic Yule-tide log, Sunday's S.M.C. concert was well attended. Three very satisfactory features, the variety of the items of the programme, the inclusion of chamber music and the fact that the concert as a whole was not too long combined to make the evening most enjoyable.

Signor Paci kicked off with the overture to Weber's "Freischutz," which, in addition to being a very moving example of early romanticism is a most important landmark in musical history. This overture is the earliest in the history of opera in which the idea of presenting a complete picture of the whole drama in miniature, foreshadowed to some extent by Mozart in "Don Giovanni" and by Beethoven in the Leonora overtures to "Fidelio" is completely worked out. Wagner, in his overtures to "Der Fliegende Hollander" and "Tannhauser" brought this notion to perfection and in each case, as in the Freischütz overture, there are two principal musical ideas representing the good and the bad struggling for mastery, the latter of which eventually triumphs.

Both this overture, and Schubert's "unfinished" symphony in B minor, which followed, were adequately rendered: I am under the impression, however, that they had not been as carefully rehearsed as had been other items of the programme.

Three symphonic dances by Greig provided a pleasing contrast to these classical examples of romanticism. Grieg's music has something of the ice-cold northern clarity of Sibelius, and is imbued with the national spirit no less than that of the Finnish composer. It is always individual if not always profound and was on this occasion well played by the Municipal Orchestra.

After the interval Prof. Ullstein played two "Chants d'Espagne" for 'cello by Joaquin Nin. These proved to be most stimulating. They were intensely difficult to play, and the rapid passages in the opening "Saeta" with frequent harmonies and double stopping made it difficult even for Mr. Ullstein to keep wholly in tune. The second "Granadina," in dance rhythm, was less unconventional, though the quick pizzicato chords were not unlike certain passages in a Pipa solo that many of us have heard several times in the course of the last year, again illustrating the falseness of the dogmatic lines about East being East. The soloist as usual, gave a very fine performance and responded to the applause by repeating the Granadina, which induced a friend of mine to say that it (the piece not the performance) was not as frightful as he had thought it was on the first hearing, I had never heard of Nin before but I am personally all for him.

The difficult piano accompaniment was performed with very great taste and skill by Signor Paci. It is a pity that we have so few opportunities of hearing him in his pianist capacity. The concert concluded uproariously with the ballet suite from "El Sombrero de Tres Picos" by that great Spanish contemporary de Falla, whose music is always interesting and generally invigorating. Our local Russian Ballet should try its feet at it.—F.A.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 28, 1877

From Hankow:—An amateur concert was given in the Masonic Lodge last evening, and was a great success. About 70 people were present. The room was gaily decorated for the occasion, and the whole arrangements reflected great credit on the promoter of the entertainment. A portion of the club is being converted into a permanent theatre, which is expected to be completed in time for the first programme of the H.A.D.C. early in January. The pieces selected are "John Dobbs" and "Fish out of Water." A handsome new reading room has been added to the attractions of the Club. Hard frost for the past few days has enabled the filling of one ice house and a considerable portion of the second. The new Russian Vice-Consul, Mr. Lentse, arrived to-day from Peking, vice Mr. P. A. Pomonareff, left for Europe.

BY SAPAJOU

IT'S BEEN A HOT JOB THIS YEAR!

DRAGON-SLAYING UP-TO-DATE

Legend Not Confined to China But Survives To-day In European Countries

We find it not hard to believe that there are those in distant China who still worship dragons as the personification of rain gods, or that the Indians of Mexico or the natives of New Guinea implore dragonlike creatures to bring ripeness to their crops. But we do not always realise how much of the early belief in dragons survives to our day in civilised countries like Holland or Belgium, Germany or France, to say nothing of England where St. George and his Dragon have grown into national figures. Yet there are many survivals of the dragon-slaying ceremonies of the Middle Ages that are still practised to-day, states Mr. D. J. Van Der Ven in the "Nederland Mail."

Perhaps the most complete is that which, once every seven years, is held by the inhabitants of a little village in Limburg, Beesel-on-the-Mass, where the latest performance was witnessed in 1935. The scene is laid on the banks of Limburg's holy stream, where the sulfur-belching monster is seen nestling among the willows, from whence it is to issue to capture the beautiful Princess. This symbol of chastity and virtue, attired in the dress and sugarloaf hat of Burgundian days, is accompanied by four damsels all of whom mime in the most touching manner their horror and their fear. The tragedy reaches its climax when the sad King, his sturdy peasant limbs robed in royal purple and ermine, bowing to the inevitable bids his fair daughter farewell, prior to sacrificing her to the Beast, that his subjects may be left unmolested. That is when the advent of the gallant Knight, St. George, alters the whole picture. After a lifelike combat, he captures the fearsome Wurm which is led captive by the soldiery to the Dragon Stone on the village square, there to be despatched by a most realistic sword thrust which, piercing a blood-filled pig's bladder, causes the deep-hued dragon-blood to run along the timeworn grooves on the prehistoric offering stone. It is all exactly so as we see it in ancient pictures by Flemish and Italian masters.

Legends of St. George

If one searches the old texts for the words that were recited on these occasions, it becomes clear that St. George has been turned into the champion of Christianity fighting the incarnation of Anti-Christ in a "Heathen country where no Christian is to be found." So the proper sequel is that the rescued maiden "Therefore became a Catholic. And with her all the Kingdom."

But we need not go very deeply into the ancient lore that surrounds the legends of St. George to find that the Christian knight had a pagan ancestry in the gods and demons of fertility whom people worshipped or tried to pacify that their harvest might be fruitful. The fact that the Beesel festivals take place every seven years at the time of the harvest fair, and that in the old town of Furth in Bavaria handkerchiefs dipped in "dragon's-blood" used to be suspended over the flax fields to ensure a plentiful crop, show that the dragon may originally have been identified with one of the demons of fertility.

France Has Dragons

Throughout antiquity, as well as during the Middle Ages there are many examples that the legend, in some form or other, was spread throughout Europe and Asia Minor. In France many towns have their dragon, albeit under different names. Best known among these is that of "Tarasque" which gave its name to the town of Tarascon, the home of the blustering Tartarin. In Belgium it is especially Mons, the capital of Henault, that has remained faithful to its Dragon, there known as "le Lumcon." Every year the town holds a procession in which in addition to the savage Beast and St. George "la Poupée" also participates with her retinue of distressed damsels. Strangely enough the Dragon, "El Doudou" in the local patois, is taken to the place of his execution by a little girl who leads the subdued monster by a dainty ribbon. In ancient days a banner was held aloft over them depicting the combat and bearing this inscription:

"Attaques Gilles du Chin le dragon furieux.

"Et tu seras de lui par moi victorieux."

In the procession, by a strange mixture of Christian and pagan rites, is included the heavy "Golden Coach," drawn by six hefty dray-horses, which carries the shrine of Saint Waudru. When this has been returned to the Cathedral the Te Deum, intoned by the clergy, is followed by the popular song of Mons, called "Le Chant du Doudou," while in front of the Town Hall St. George enacts his great combat with the "Lumçon." His hard-won victory is celebrated by the citizens' bursting forth in the local Walloon patois of their great "Chant de Gloire de la Cité Montoise."

Space does not permit our following the attempts of Christianity to turn the archæic dragon-slayer into a Christian champion, the contemporary of Constantine the Great and St. Gregory, although the first mention of him as such is to be found in the Legenda Aurea of Jacobus of Boragine, bishop of Genoa, that was written in 1298.

Could we pursue our enquiries we should find that our legend of St. George presents the Christian version of the earlier Theseus, Perseus and Midas myths, and that the first attempts at merging these are found in the Greek Orthodox Church. History bears this out, for as early as the sixth century A.D. the temple of Theseus in Athens, theretofore consecrated to the Attic dragonslayer, had already been turned into one honouring St. George, the Christian Champion Saint.

Elsewhere too we find early prototypes of the Christianized St. George, such as the Hindu Indra, or the Germanic Siegfried, or the Greek Jason, slayers one and all of the snakelike, venomous Dragon which we find in all mythologies, and whose fate it is to be killed by heroes or gods, by Zeus or Apollo, by Hercules or Theseus, by Diederich of Bern or by the Anglo-Saxon Beowulf. Nor should we forget the many dragon legends current in Asia Minor which the Crusaders brought back to their native lands, to Provence, to Henault and Lorraine, where they soon found their place in popular festivals and processions, of which in the friendly little village of Beesel-on-the-Maas we find to this day a very pure example.

SHIP WAS STRANDED DELIBERATELY

Wilfully Cast Away at Instigation of Owner

The Court of Appeal recently decided that Mr. Justice Branson was right in finding that the Greek steamship Eftychia was deliberately stranded off Cape San Vito, Sicily, in 1932, by her master at the instigation of her owner, Mr. Georgios Vergottis, a Greek subject, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

The address of the owner, a director of Vergottis Ltd., shipbrokers, of Camomile Street, E.C., was given as Chiltern Court, London, N.W.

Mr. Justice Branson gave his decision on a preliminary point in an action brought in the King's Bench Division by the Bank of Athens against the Royal Exchange Assurance, with whom the Eftychia was insured for £1,500 out of a total insurance of £30,000.

The bank held a mortgage on the Eftychia. The ship was refloated, but the bank based its claim against the underwriters on the ground that the vessel was a constructive total loss. The contention of the underwriters was that the stranding was deliberate. The hearing lasted 13 days.

The Judgment

Lord Justice Greer, giving judgment, said that in some respects he thought Mr. Justice Branson misconceived some of the evidence, and that some of the reasons he gave for disbelieving the evidence of the master and Mr. Vergottis were not to be relied on.

But they could not escape consideration of the fact that the judge found that the ship was wilfully cast away at the instigation of the owner, after seeing and hearing the witnesses and hearing all the arguments.

It was impossible for the Court of Appeal, he said, not having seen Mr. Vergottis in the box, to say that the judge was wrong in the view he took of the evidence of Mr. Vergottis. There was ample material on which he was entitled to come to the conclusion that Mr. Vergottis was saying that which was not true.

With considerable reluctance, he added, he had come to the conclusion that the court could not interfere with Mr. Justice Branson's decision, and the appeal would be dismissed, with costs.

Lords Justices Slesser and Scott concurred. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

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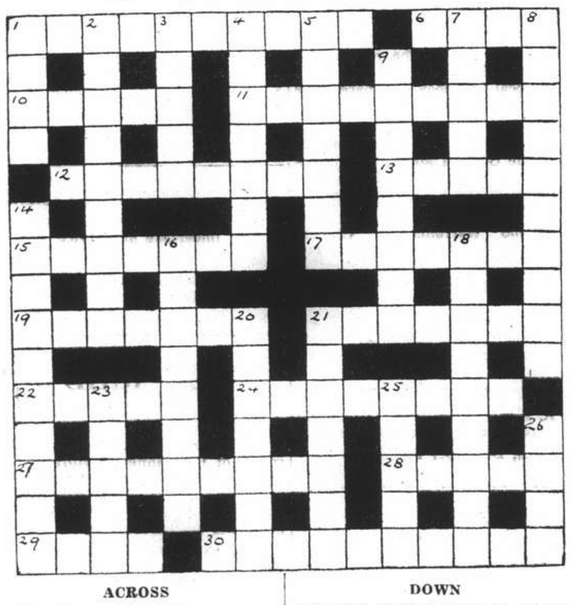

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1 "Rat bit oxen" (anag.)
6 A scene of many University rows
10 Deceived
11 In no spasmodic fashion
12 Tear with material speed
13 Something to talk about
15 Soothe
17 A Royal fruit
19 A hindrance to getting going
21 This vessel is mostly feminine
22 Part of Asia, as this was once near it
24 The beginning of this member of the Empire should give one pause
27 Swing with interior unwell
28 Just a word before the lot is knocked down
29 This may become mere lumber
30 A taking action, this

DOWN

1 A little bit of 6 across in rotation, perhaps
2 Pupils herein do not write to their parents
3 Move familiar on the tennis court
4 Whereon M.P.s take the air at Westminster
5 A dark variety of the fair
7 Not a big fight in 8 down
8 Anyone herein is liable to overlook quite a lot
9 There seem to be quite a number sick in this fleet
14 What rain can be from slip or stop
16 In fact has a helper finally
18 A certain liveliness
20 Not straight to start with, and quite out of date
21 Wherein students progress to different degrees
23 A frill
25 Darkness would be near if curtailed
26 A monster

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MAGICIAN DISCOVERS NEW CAMOUFLAGE

Says It Will Make Troops Invisible in the Open

Mr. Horace Goldin, the magician, claims to have discovered a form of camouflage which will make it impossible for troops to be seen in the open, states the "Evening Standard."

He has experimented with this invention for many years, and he is now negotiating with the War Office, who are investigating the possibilities of the discovery.

Mr. Goldin traces the history of this invention in his book, "It's fun to be fooled" and reveals that during the war years he was engaged in presenting a conjuring and magical show at La Hina, one of the Hawaiian Islands.

When war was declared he found himself almost isolated on this island He had important engagements in America, but all forms of transport had been commandeered by the military and naval authorities.

He was informed that the only way he could hope to be taken from the Island to America was to become of use to the military authorities.

Idea at 3 a.m.

"The idea for the invisible camouflage came into my head practically complete at three o'clock in the morning," he writes. "I jumped out of bed and jotted it down. The next day I busied myself with the apparatus needed for this marvellous camouflage which would render men invisible, and after two days' work I had it completed and working to my satisfaction."

Mr. Goldin showed his invention to an official and demonstrated how, by the use of this camouflage, he could make toy soldiers invisible.

The official informed the United States army representative, and the invention was again demonstrated in the bedroom of his hotel. Mr. Goldin said to the brigadier-general who was watching it:

"If you had a column of soldiers with their heads showing above the trenches, I could make them invisible to their enemy. Twenty men could march into the enemy G.H.Q. and capture the officers and never be seen."

He explained that there was a definite limit to the size of the object to be camouflaged.

Too Late for Last War

Arrangements were made by the military authorities for Mr. Goldin to be given a privileged passage on board a ship sailing to San Francisco, where it was arranged that he should call on the American War Department at Washington in November 1918.

Mr. Goldin's invention was too late for the last war.

He writes: "The great wave of pacifist sentiment which followed the horror of the war years meant that my invention did not interest anyone so I did nothing further about it. A few months ago, however, I decided that there was no point in wasting so valuable an idea and I wrote to Washington asking if there was any intention of using this 'invisible camouflage.'

"In reply to this I received a curt letter stating that here was no record of this transaction and that I was quite free of any commitments to the War Department."

Mr. Goldin states that after this letter from America he communicated with the British War Department.

GROWTH OF CANNING INDUSTRY

British Canneries Show Increased Output

The rapid growth of the United Kingdom Canning Industry was well illustrated at the 41st Grocers' International Exhibition which recently opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall. There was an excellent display of tinned food to meet all the needs of the householder, and the employment of famous chefs to develop new recipes has resulted in a great improvement in the quality and flavour of the products supplied by United Kingdom Canneries. Since the Great War every single year has shown an increase in output, and the quantity of fruit and vegetables tinned in England is now about ten times as great as it was in 1920.

Food manufacturers in the United Kingdom have always prided themselves on the high quality and wholesomeness of their products and on the good condition in which they are preserved and sold. The Canning Industry must inevitably import some of its raw materials from abroad for certain popular lines, as these materials are not all procurable in the United Kingdom, owing to climatic and other conditions, but in spite of this, when foreign fruit and vegetables are tinned by well-known firms in the United Kingdom they are assured of a commanding place on the market. Enormous progress has been made recently in the science of food preservation and transport by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, an important section of whose work is devoted to the special problems of the canning industry. Almost everything edible can now be found in tins, from whole hams and grouse to fish, beer, fruit and vegetables of every kind. The United Kingdom this year, it is estimated, will need 1,600,000,000 tins of food, obtainable in no fewer than 356 varieties.

A COPY of the "Nederland Mail," issued by the Nederland Line, Royal Dutch Mail, for November has been received at this office. Beautifully illustrated as usual, it contains many articles of interest.

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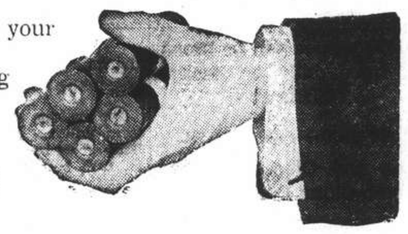

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THE BOOK PAGE

THE MAN AND HIS TRIBE

THE INDIVIDUAL IN EAST AND WEST Edited by E. R. Hughes. Oxford University Press, London. 7/6.

Oxford speaks in this book, for it contains seven lectures delivered to undergraduates by professors of that university. The Editor was drawn to propose the theme by a remark heard in a lecture room—that the individual had been discovered by Christianity—and he felt that the statement was not true to historical fact. India for centuries before the Christian era had been awake to the individual and his soul; China, from the fifth century onwards, had made remarkable discoveries as to the nature of personality and its value to society; the Hebrew prophets had brought the individual face to face with Jehovah; "And, if Socrates did not discover the individual, who was there who did?":

The assumption of this book is that windows opened on only one side are not enough. The historian cannot ignore anthropology or physical geography, whilst the political philosopher, whether he likes it or not, may easily find himself faced with problems for which the biologist or the student of religion has part of the essential data. Further, there are the questions which arise over the existence of an East and a West, not so long ago taken to be almost antithetical to each other, now seen to have much in common. The end of the nineteenth century brought the apogee of Europeanism, with its subtlely self-centred conviction that the culture of Western Europe was the only significant one in the world. (As Job said to his friends, "No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.") The apogee, however, having been reached, the attendant decline set in, so that, until the Aryan myth sprang to life, most intelligent people were on the way to a more modest frame of mind. For one thing our western politics have not proved so admirable as we imagined, for another the outstanding peoples of the East have shown themselves to be very different from what they were supposed to be.

Aristocrat And Commoner

The first lecture on the list is by Dr. R. R. Marett, Reader in Social Anthropology, who takes as his subject The Individual in Primitive Society, and starts by saying that it is with fear and trembling that he undertakes to speak about human individuality, for the truth is that he is very far from being sure what we ought to understand by that term. He turns from the *orenda* or wonder-working power of the Iroquois to the *mana* of the Pacific region, and is struck by the strong generic resemblance between the two—with this difference, that while *orenda* is held to be possessed by all, *mana* is reserved for persons of quality:

....In Tonga commoners were actually deemed to be without immortal souls, like brute beasts; so that neither here nor hereafter could they compete on any basis of equality with their masters. Luck simply did not exist for the likes of them.

Swing Of The Pendulum

The Arunta of Central Australia invented a doctrine in which everyone is held to possess two souls, the *koruna* undergoes reincarnation, the *arumburinga*, on the other hand, persists from generation to generation. The personal note in primitive religion is discussed and the many other ways in which the individuality of the plain man is recognized in primitive theory and practice—including post-mortem retribution. The static conditions of primitive society are, however, maintained by the *taboos* which protect the tribe against the over-assertive individual. The individual, on the whole, must walk in step with the rest of the tribe, and leadership, though not altogether unwelcome, has its dangers:

....Like the artist, who is temperamentally akin with the diviner and the soothsayer *et hoc genus omne*—since one and all they are visionaries—the primitive wonder-worker, whether priest or doctor in the making, may in his inmost heart be glad to keep the crowd at a distance. Nevertheless he does so at the risk that the suspicion of the vulgar may mark him down for death as a witch in league with all the powers of evil. Indeed, one may discern in the violent end of the sacred king, who likewise is a solitary by reason of the taboos that preserve his *mana*, or *majestas*, a psychological swing of the pendulum, whereby a fear and even hatred that were all along implicit in the awe of the multitude have at length come to their own; so prone is average mankind to crucify its saviours.....

The Dying Monster

Group Law and Private Conscience is discussed by Professor Gilbert Murray who maintains that man cannot live outside his social group and has perpetual friction with it when inside:

....The law is what he and his friends have ordained for their protection and comfort. It must be obeyed; he is indignant against those who do not respect it. At the same time the law is a limitation which a crowd of other people have imposed upon his liberty; a rule which he means occasionally to evade as best he can....

He points out that the group thinks always first of its own preservation and that the individual's liberty depends on the group's security. This brings him to the sense of insecurity in European governments to-day. He thinks we are witnessing the death-struggles of the sovereign independent state:

The sovereign state is dying. I do not doubt that. But it may take an unconscionable time in doing so: and a dying monster as it kicks and struggles in its agony can be a worse danger to all around it than when it was in full health....

To-day's Problem

In Professor Murray's opinion the higher life of mankind depends on the freedom of the individual and that freedom depends on peace, and he fears that as the war atmosphere develops this higher life may wither and disappear. He illustrates the conflict between the individual and the group by the history of Greece where the rule of the group and the freedom of the individual were sharply defined:

....The righteous man must absolutely serve his city: but that service consists in knowing his place and doing his duty therein. Every citizen, every class, has a Moira or function; and justice consists in fulfilling that function.....

One of the conclusions he comes to is:

.....Our own experience has shown us that it is good "To do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God." That cannot be done if war, as an institution, is allowed to continue, and, by its mere continuance, to dominate, as it must, the whole of our corporate life. It can be done, and will transform the life of civilized man, if that vast majority of the human race who do in their hearts prefer justice and honesty to fraud and violence, can make up their minds, and those of their governments, to stand resolutely together for the prevention of war. That one problem to-day dominates all others. It involves the advance or the downfall of civilization.....

The Perfect Ruler

Professor K. J. Spalding's interesting lecture on A Chinese Aristotle (Confucius) is primarily for the student, for the reader must have the Ethics and the Analects by his side as he reads. In the Editor's discourse on The Individual in Chinese Humanism there are fewer references to the text. Chinese humanism, according to Mr. Hughes, is the outcome of the clash of conflicting views of the individual:

This idea of the perfect ruler or official can be traced in various guises throughout Chinese history, so that sometimes we are reminded of a Victorian appraisal of the British House of Lords "who did nothing in particular and did it very well." The theme, then, to use a musical metaphor, is the individual in relationship, as a son and then a father, as a daughter-in-law and then a mother-in-law, as an elder brother or a younger brother, as husband or wife, as ruler and minister or subject. The variations follow along these lines, until we come to feel that the whole of the individual is swallowed up in his duties.....

Confucian, Buddhist, Taoist methods of thinking are treated, and the conclusion that Mr. Hughes comes to is:

Through it all there has been a profound conviction that the individual finds his salvation in human relations. But that has not been the only conviction. All down the ages, long before the West had learnt to look at its mountains and forests with anything but dislike, there was something in the Chinese soul which drove men and women out into the wilds, there to brood over running water and watch the clouds wreathing the hill tops....Without an appreciation of the place these solitary quietists occupy in the great community, there can be no real understanding of the Chinese people.

Governing Principles

The Individual and the Social Order in Hinduism is described by Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who holds that man is not only himself, but is in solidarity with all of his kind, but that even if humanity becomes a more manageable unit of life, intermediate groups are bound to exist for the development of varying tendencies in the total human aggregate. At the same time:

The absolute claim of the group, class or caste, race or religion, nation or empire to make its growth and perfection the sole object of human life, to exist for itself alone, as against the individual and the rest of humanity, taking arbitrary possession of the one and making hostile demands on the other is an aberration of the human mind quite as much as the claim of the individual to live for himself. The free and sound development of the individual and the fulfilment of the destiny of mankind are the two principles which must govern all group life.....

Place Of Contemplatives

Sir Sarvepalli explains the functions of the different castes and classes, for by his nature man falls into four types, the man of learning and knowledge, the man of power and action, the skilled craftsman, and the worker:

....If society is not to be led by the blind, we must have the contemplative thinkers at the top. Every society needs to have a class which is freed from material cares and is without obligations to it. Freedom is of the essence of the higher life and the great values cannot be achieved under a compulsion or a sense of duty.

The meaning of human existence, says the lecturer, is in the larger consciousness which man does not see so long as he remains confined in his individuality.

The Chosen People

The Reader in Biblical Criticism, Dr. H. Wheeler Robinson, takes for his subject The Group and the Individual in Israel, and divides it under three heads: The Primary Place of the Group, The Emergence of the Individual Through the Prophetic Consciousness, The Synthesis made by Judaism and Christianity. During the period dealt with under the first head he shows that it is the group conception of Israel that is primary, since Yahweh is always the convenanted God of Israel:

....He was believed to have freely chosen this particular group for Himself and to require from it a fidelity doubtless crude and limited enough in detail, but moral in spirit.....

Debt To The Old Testament

With the prophets came a fuller sense of individuality. Their message was to the nation, but they asked from the individual a duty towards his neighbour:

....This social ethic was the direct development of the old nomadic clan spirit, purified and enlightened, and raised to the level of a religious offering to God. The corporate personality of Israel could not stand in a right relation to God unless it approached Him in this unity of internal and individual fellowship....

Discussing Judaism and Christianity Dr. Robinson points out the debt that Christianity owes to the Old Testament and asks what might be learnt from a review of the emergence of the individual in Israel:

....First, that all progress comes through individual initiative and through the action of a minority. Israel's history has contributed so greatly to religion partly because it was the history of a community in which there was so much scope and freedom for the individual life..... In the second place, the progress made by Israel to a larger truth was conditioned by a lively faith in the spiritual and unseen world, for which its great individuals became the spokesmen. Without such loyalty to something greater and more lasting than the passing fashions of thought in a single generation, there can be no lasting gain, even if there is gain at all.... There is always need of the individual, who endures in the strength of the vision he has seen, and endures in the often ungrateful task of urging the valley crowd to climb the heights with him. It is religion alone, in one form or another, which can make—not the world safe for democracy, but democracy safe for the world.

Safety First

The concluding lecture of the book by Professor F. M. Powicke, is on The Search for Freedom in the West. Professor Powicke says that until our own day there has been no serious attempt to deny the claim of the individual in western society. In England especially we take our freedom so much for granted that we are profoundly shocked when we hear that it has been challenged or when we find ourselves in any way restricted. We feel safe and do not concern ourselves with the question why we feel safe. If something happens to show us how fragile human independence is we are shocked and surprised. And yet

....All past experience is seen to have been the assertion of self-regarding life. Unselfishness was merely a name given to the desire to maintain the personality of the individual or the home or the school or the business in a world where man is a wolf to man. There is no natural order except the right of every man to make his own order for himself. There is no moral order save protective convention. We suddenly realize what, for thousands of years, men have known and tried to overcome—the fact that, deep down in all and ineradicable in most, is a quality which man shares with no other animal, unless it be the rat, the impulse to wanton cruelty....

Two Dogmas

Personality and the spirit of adventure, Professor Powicke asserts, depend in the end on the sense of safety—the sailor must have his haven, the mountain climber his base, the aeronaut his landing. The main theme of history in the West is not the discovery of personal freedom but the search for safety, for the conditions in which men may be free without being a danger to others:

....one form of discipline was faced by another; the ecclesiastical interpretation of the mysterious purposes of God was met by as dogmatic an assertion of the mysterious intentions of nature. Men and women must die to live, lose their futile and fragile liberty to gain true liberty in the higher life of the state. The salvation of the soul is the end held out to man by the one form of dogmatism; the security to be found in the unity of race or nation is the prospect displayed by the other.....

Freedom, the lecturer concludes, has its roots in the nature of man as a social being and, even if we in the West lose it, it cannot be destroyed:

....The world may for a few centuries try to do without it, but only for a few centuries. The process will be resumed, the course which man long ago set out to run will be continued. For there is one truth about man which, however he may play with truth, he cannot forget. He is intellectually aware of himself; and therefore, though he himself is the last thing that he will comprehend, he is unconquerable.

This is a very interesting series of lectures and gives the desired illumination from all sides.—D.P.

A ROUNDABOUT TRIP

CHINA'S WILD WEST.—By W. Lewisohn. North-China Daily News & Herald Ld, Shanghai. $2.

Everyone who has travelled on China's roads should buy a copy of this book. It is an account of a roundabout trip from Shanghai to Peiping, "not to be undertaken light-heartedly, nor do I recommend it as a pleasure trip," says the author rather feelingly.

The route taken was via Hangchow, Changsha, Yunnanfu, Chungking, Chengtu and Sianfu, to Peiping, a circuit of more than five thousand miles over unknown and sometimes non-existent roads. Taxes, mosquitoes, bandits, passports, the price of gasolene and other incidentals come in for pungent comment and make reader and author companions on the road; gay when listening to the priests' tales of the monkeys of Mount Omei, grave when the road disappeared in the stony track of a river which finally had to be forded in the dark.

In the author's foreword some interesting and valuable advice is given on how to go about such a trip: the most suitable car, extras needed, introductions, to drive or to take a chauffeur, and how to find the way.

Most of "China's Wild West" appeared a few months ago in the "North-China Daily News" in serial form; this, however, has been revised and added to, and in book form makes a valuable addition to every China library.

CARDS FOR TWO

JO-JOTTE The Two-Hand Card Game.—By Ely Culbertson. Faber & Faber, London. 5/-.

Any book by Ely Culbertson can always be sure of attracting the attention of the card-playing public. So much more so as he in Jo-Jotte introduces a new game for two, three or four players. The game is based on both the Bezique family and the Whist family of card games, and combines the features of each, eliminating the monotony of Bezique and the complication of Whist. Mr. Culbertson is making a determined effort to introduce this game as a remedy against the absence of any really interesting game for two or three players, and judging from the success in France, Holland, Hungary and many other European countries, Jo-Jotte, although bearing a different name in each country, is already more popular than any other two or three-handed card game.

Those who learn to play Jo-Jotte are very enthusiastic about it. The game has the great advantage of being easy to learn, as a few minutes of instruction qualify one to sit down and play with enjoyment. The book of Jo-Jotte is one of Culbertson's best. It is written clearly and is easy to understand. It starts out on the assumption that the reader has never played before, and proceeds to give advice on how to play well. In spite of being easy to learn, Jo-Jotte is a most scientific game.

All rules of bidding and play are clearly illustrated, and the instruction is given in such a manner that its logic is immediately apparent to the reader. The book contains the official rules, and instructions for three and four players as well. An additional feature is a complete rubber of Jo-Jotte played with Mr. Culbertson against the reader, which is both exciting and instructive. The book of Jo-Jotte will surely appeal to the Shanghai card players, and as a two-handed game will no doubt find many amateurs, especially during these days of enforced curfew and curtailed social activities.—s.

He is great who confers the most benefits. He base—and that is the one base thing in the universe—to receive favours and render none. In the order of nature we cannot render benefits to those from whom we receive them, or only seldom. But the benefit we receive must be rendered again, line for line, deed for deed, cent for cent, to somebody. Beware of too much good staying in your hand. It will fast corrupt and worm worms. Pay it away quickly in some sort.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

1938 SCOTTISH EXHIBITION

Next Year Will Be A Gala One in Scotland: A Second Wembley At Glasgow

By Our Own Special Correspondent

For the exiled Scot the longing to come home, even for only a very short spell, will be intensified during the next few months. 1938 will be a gala year in Scotland. There will be so much for him to see, to do and to remember.

He has read of the forthcoming Empire Exhibition—this second Wembley—and he has been perhaps a little incredulous of the magnificence of the project. Let a fellow-Scot assure him that if the vision was ambitious the achievement will be historic.

I have just concluded a tour of the Exhibition. What was just six months ago a well-ordered public park is now a city in the making—a city of palaces and pavilions, lakes and cascades, spacious avenues and fairyland lighting. So gigantic is its scope that the bird's eye view alone enables it to be encompassed as a whole. For this a tower on a hill provides the necessary vantage point.

This tower is itself a spectacular feature. Three hundred feet high—the height of Big Ben—it is erected on an eminence in the centre of the park: an all-metal sky-scraper, graceful as a minaret. Observation galleries extend like aeroplane wings from its summit, and from them fully 600 people can simultaneously view the panorama below—the British Empire in miniature, condensed in Bellahouston Park's 175 acres.

Given Full Support

He need have no doubt of the Imperial scope of this project. It has the support not only of the British Government but also of the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Irish Free State—all of whom are building their own pavilions—and of Burma and the Colonial Empire.

It is not, therefore, for the sights alone that the exile must come home. He must be here to witness and share in Scotland's triumph. Glasgow will not only stage a historic exposition of the Empire's achievements and potentialities; it will for six months be the meeting place of the powerful of the earth, her status as the Second City recognised.

Within the Exhibition walls, too, the exile will be able to acquire an impression of Scotland's past, present and future not easily otherwise obtained.

The two Scottish pavilions will contain the distilled essence of Scottish urban and rural life, while mural paintings by the younger school of Scottish artists will depict our romantic history, our national sports and pastimes and our cultural development. The old Scottish masters, too, will be represented: the Palace of Arts will house the finest collection of their works ever gathered under one roof.

Scotland's Industrial Might

The Palaces of Engineering and Industry will have as conspicuous exhibits some of the finest products of the Clyde, now, incidentally, enjoying to the full the national trade revival. Here the exile will see a demonstration of Scotland's industrial might such as cannot conceivably be staged again for many years.

If he wants to wander, to see again the beloved hills and glens, the exile will discover that travel is cheaper and more efficient than ever before. The railway, steamship and touring companies have made elaborate plans to cope with the extraordinary "excursion" public the Exhibition will attract. He will be specially delighted to find that the Western Isles are no longer remote; that the aeroplane has banished the necessity of tiresome journeys and exhausting sea-crossings.

Above all, he will be certain of a royal reception. A really hearty welcome is awaiting him. He need not fear that our traditional hospitality will prove unequal to the strain of 15,000,000 guests. Let them all come, we say; we are ready for them. This is the sort of invasion we never repel.

Now is the time, then, for that long-planned visit. Scotland will be at her gayest in 1938, and the happiness of thousands of returned exiles will be one of the strongest influences contributing to that gaiety.

AMAZING STORY FROM GREECE

General Come to Life in Coffin, Chases Mourners

An amazing story of a Greek general's return to life while being transported in a coffin to his grave is reported from Missolonghi, Greece, where Byron died in 1824, states the "Evening Standard."

The general, by name Larnakutis, apparently fell into a deep sleep and was presumed to have died. Elaborate funeral arrangements were prepared, and on Nov. 23 his body was placed in a coffin, which, fortunately, was not screwed down, put on a hearse and drawn through the streets to the local cemetery.

The route was densely lined with spectators and the procession included many prominent local military and other officials.

Suddenly the lid of the coffin rose, and the bewildered face of the "dead" general appeared. Women screamed and fainted, and hundreds cried, "It's a miracle."

The general apparently did not care whether it was a miracle or not for so exasperated was he that he seized his sword which, with other military regulia, had been placed in the coffin, and charged at a section of the crowd.

He was overpowered before anyone was injured and later explanations, together with profuse apologies, were proffered.

Through the Mike

Daventry Expansion

The proposed news services in foreign languages, which are the latest addition to the BBC responsibilities, will require extra transmitters at the already extensive Empire station at Daventry. Since the task has been laid on the BBC by the Government, it may be assumed that the substantial contribution towards the cost of the new equipment will be handed over by the Exchequer out of the bumper surplus which it now retains from licence fees. It is only a little while since considerable new plant was installed to handle the regular Empire transmissions; by the time Daventry gets yet another batch fo transmitters, for foreign broadcasting, it will probably be the biggest short wave centre in the world.

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From Down Under

According to the latest information to hand, the schedule for the Sydney, Melbourne and Perth short wave broadcasting stations has now been fixed as follows:—VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 m., 9.59 mc/s, on Sundays only, Shanghai time, 14.00-16.00, 17.30-21.30, 22.00-24.00; VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.54 m., 9.51 mc/s, on week-days only 17.00-20.00; and VK6ME, Perth, 31.28 m., 9.59 mc/s, week-days only, from 19.00-21.00. Incidentally, our old friend VK3IR, 31.34 m., 9.58 mc/s, is now officially known as VLR, for some reason. Broadcasts are given on week-days from 10.35-21.30 and on Sundays from 16.00-20.30. VK2,-3,-6ME are operated by Amalgamated Wireless, and VLR by the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

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Fiji Calling

Suva, Fiji Island, VPD2, is now broadcasting on 31.45 m., 9.54 mc/s, and gives a gramophone concert daily from 18.30-20.00 Shanghai time. The interval signal consists of two strokes on a gong, and the station closes down with the "Song of the Islands," and "God Save the King." The call is put out fairly frequently during the course of the broadcast, and requests for verification cards should be addressed to the Amalgamated Wireless of Australasia, either at 167 Queen Street, Melbourne, or 47 York Street, Sydney.

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Talks in French

Home listeners report what seems to be a new transmitter from Soviet Russia. They report reception of programmes of talks in the French language from station RAG, Kiev, U.S.S.R., on 24.69 m, 12,15 mc/s, but no details as to the times of such broadcasts has been received. Anyone heard it yet?

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"X-Ray Eyes"

From the BBC comes the following anecdote:—"Though a layer of dough, a wad of cotton-wool, and a bandage of lint are inadequate—as viewers of the BBC's television transmissions recently saw—to blindfold Kuda Bux, an Indian artist known as "the Man with the X-Ray Eyes," his uncanny sight met its match, it seems, in a London fog. Arriving late for his broadcast from Alexandra Palace, Kuda Bux confessed that the fog and the resultant traffic chaos had proved too much for him and he had lost his way. But once inside the studio, he gave a convincing demonstration of his remarkable ability. Despite his composite bandage, which blindfolded him so thoroughly that only the tip of his nose could be seen, he read from a printed page, named objects selected at random by the television officials around him and correctly totalled four columns of figures written on a blackboard."

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Via Hongkong.—31.49m.

Berlin, Germany.—*13.05 to 24.00*, 31.38m; 19.74m; 16.89m; 31.45m; 19.68m.

Rome, Italy.—*19.43 to 21.20 and 22.00* to 23.30, 25.4m.

Australia.—*10.45 to 21.30*, 31.34m.

Paris, France.—*15.00 to 18.00*, 25.24m; 18.00 to 24.00, 19.86m; 00.15 to 7.00. *25.34; 7.15 to 14.00*, 26.60m.

Manila, P.I.—*6.30 to 9.00 and 19.00 to 23.00*, 25.38m; 31.35m. Sundays, *18.00 to 24.00*.

Tokyo, Japan.—*21.00 to 22.00*, 25.42m; 19.79m.

Abridged Programmes

The letters in parenthesis indicate from which of the above stations the broadcast is made.

13.10 Merry music (B)
14.00 News in German (B)
15.00 News (P), (A)
15.30 "The German Lufthansa" (B)
16.00 Cello solos (B)
16.30 Popular music (A), Waltzes (B)
16.35 "Jack Payne's Party" (D)
17.00 News in French (P), (A)
17.20 News (A)
17.30 News (P), in German (B)
17.35 News (D)
17.40 News in Italian (P)
17.45 "The Healthy Child" (B)
17.55 "Empire Exchange" (D)
18.00 Orchestral hour (A), Folk music (B)
18.10 "Irish songs" (D)
18.15 BBC Military Band (D)
19.00 Concert (P), (B), "Visitors of 1937" (A)
19.15 Soccer: B'ham v. L'pool (D)
19.35 Organ music (D)
19.43 Varied, till 21.20 (B)
19.45 Play: "A Misbehaving Legend" (A)
20.00 Variety (D), News (B), (P)
20.15 "Ann and Harold" (D)
20.45 BBC Scottish Orchestra (D)
21.00 News in German (B), Dance music (A)
21.15 "Wandering Journeymen" (B)
21.30 News (D), in French (P)
22.00 News (B), Varied, till 23.30 (B)
22.15 Handel's "The Messiah" (D)
22.30 Play: "The Rag-Picker" (P), "Young Germany" (B)
22.45 "Chimes, organ music, choirs" (B)
23.40 The St. Moritz Yodellers (D)
23.45 "The Healthy Child" (B)
24.00 News (D)
00.20 Henry Bronkhurst Trio (D)
00.45 "World Affairs" (D)
06.00 Special news, 31.48 (SCH)

LUNATIC ASYLUM IN FRANCE BURNS

Dangerous Inmates Escape in Confusion

Paris, Dec. 26.

Fire last night destroyed the lunatic asylum at Montredon, near Le Puy housing 135 inmates.

The bodies of seven of the residents of the asylum were recovered, but it is feared that another is still under the debris.

Twelve dangerous lunatics escaped during the blaze.—Reuter.

Word from "Radio Nations," the Geneva short-waver, states that beginning from next month this station will have more time on the air. Although but seventy hours of broadcasting time was given the station in 1937, a recent session of the League Assembly voted to allow it 140 hours for Geneva's broadcasts during 1938.

With To-day's Mail We have received from ZURICH and AMSTERDAM the following novelties:

E. Alexander; Der Mythus Hitler
K. Heiden; Ein Mann Gegen Europa
K. Heiden; Hitler
I. Kaczér; Pao
V. Baum; Liebe und Tod auf Bali
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Always thinly veiled, the secret of the ownership of the rich collection of silver, which totalled rather over £26,000 at Sotheby's recently, was blown to the four winds, and the name of W. Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper proprietor, was freely bandied about.

Why the catalogue of a collection known to be in his board of treasures at St. Donat's should have attempted anonymity of ownership seems inexplicable. Yet he had given instructions to Sotheby's to refer to him as "a well-known collector" only. Accordingly "The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" had to respect this wish.

As for the result of the sale, naturally those who follow the course of the market will be expectant. Briefly, the 87 lots offered brought about half the original outlay. One finds that 32 cost nearly £25,000. As 87 brought £26,000 the deduction is obvious.

Moreover, as Mr. Hearst's agents usually had coûte que coûte commissions when bidding on his account, it could not possibly be expected that the abnormally high prices paid could be maintained when his treasures were suddenly unloaded on the market.

Yet there was a very striking instance of enthusiastic bidding when the Elizabethan tazza, designed by Henry Sutton in 1573, was offered. It was known that this trophy had realised the very high price per oz—£120—in the Sir John Ramsden sale, 1930, entailing an outlay of £1,704. Actually this big price was exceeded when Mr. Francis Mallett called £1,750 against the representative of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company.

On the other hand, the second Hearst tazza, dated three years later, which had also attained £120 an oz in 1929, declined from £1,344 to £450.

Another big test was applied when the pair of James II, two-handled cups and covers, 1685, by Benjamin Pyne and Sam Hood, appeared. These had family associations with the Croft family, and Mr. Permain, acting for Mr. Hearst, had to give £3,038 for them in 1931.

The bidding began yesterday at £1,000 and many joined in. Amor the contestants was the Dowag Lady Borwick, who, however, had give way to Mr. Thomas Lumley £2,650.

The greatest disappointment wa over the last lot in the sale—a 158 Elizabethan silver-gilt cup and cover which had cost £3,275 5s at the "re cord" price per oz, £165, in 1930. bid of £500 was called by the auc tioneer, Mr. F. W. Warre, and, as n advance ensued, the cup was knocke down at this sum to Mr. "Currie."

Once belonging to the Merchan Taylors' Company, a small Charles wine-cup, inscribed later with th names of two 1660 wardens, wa bought in 1929 for Mr. Hearst fo £812. It will rejoin the possessio of this ancient City Company a £650. I know that their representa tive was prepared to give much more On several occasions Mr. Hearst' buying prices were exceeded, bu generally there was a marked depre ciation more in consonance with jus valuation.

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IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

STRANGE INTERVIEW

There is much of significance in the interview granted by Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, Japanese Home Minister, to the Tokyo correspondent of the "Paris Soir." It is a complete revelation of Japan's policy regarding the friendly relations existing between Great Britain, France and the United States. That these three Powers are becoming increasingly anxious over the Far Eastern situation has been apparent for some months past. Holland also cannot be left out of the picture, and though there is no formal agreement between these nations concerning Far Eastern matters, there is a community of interest which will naturally serve to bring them very close together. They may never unanimously agree upon concerted action in this part of the world, but there is always the possibility that, working along parallel lines, their actions may assume a common quality. That is a development which Tokyo earnestly wishes to avoid, and the rapidity with which the U.S.S. Panay was dealt with, as compared with the incidents in the Yangtze involving the British war vessels, indicates that, however the issue with the British is to be settled, Japan wished to clear away the embarrassment created by the bombing of the Panay as a preliminary move. This has not been entirely successful, for the tone of the American reply shows that considerable stiffness remains and a tendency to watch future Japanese actions in the light of what has already been revealed. Admiral Suetsugu's remark that between Japan and France "Friction could only arise from too close a co-operation between France and Great Britain," being the statement of a responsible minister, must be taken to mean exactly what it implies, namely that Japanese policy is aimed at isolating Britain from states with whom she is in the friendliest contact and to weaken the relations of the nations whose interests in the Far East are being imperilled by Japanese action. That such a policy is unlikely to succeed goes almost without saying, for the peace-loving nations of the world will not permit the principles for which they stand to be subordinated to the expediences of the more bellicose countries of the world.

On the subject of the occupation of the island of Hainan the Admiral is apparently completely contradictory. Admitting that the present blockade of China is "utterly inefficient" and that arms and munitions continue to enter China freely, he suggests that in order to reinforce it, it would be necessary to occupy Hainan temporarily. He is then reported to have added that it was of vital interest to establish permanent naval and air bases in the island due to the fact that Hainan is nearer to the continent than Formosa. It might be added also that Hainan is nearer French Indo-China as well, and of that fact the French government will not remain heedless. The naivete of the Admiral's statements is quite refreshing, for from the immediate plea of a temporary necessity for occupation he proceeds to show why such a process should be made permanent, and it is now perfectly clear that, should the Japanese occupy the island, it will be for always. The domination of Indo-China from Hainan will be a matter of considerable importance to France in view of the manner in which the Japanese expansionist policy is expected to develop, and the danger to French interests arising out of such an event is something which Paris cannot afford to regard lightly. Therein lies the community of interest between France and Great Britain, and it will require something more than the adroitness of kind words to bring about the cleavage between the two countries which the Admiral so apparently would like to see. Not only that, Anglo-French interests in other parts of the world are now so closely entwined, that an endeavour to separate them is foredoomed to failure: if the two nations ever became at variance with one another the present precarious peace of the whole world would be in imminent danger of total collapse. The protection of occidental interests in the Far East, so clearly threatened by Japan's actions, is rapidly becoming a question for the common attention of the four nations concerned, and if, as a result, a close understanding is reached between them, Japan will only have herself to blame. And it must be remembered that though the final solution of the problems now presented may be a long way off it is not likely to be brought about by any unilateral decision which Japan may make.

The Admiral's warning, that if the Powers continue to provide assistance to China, Tokyo will be compelled to occupy Canton at the risk of friction with London, is an interesting one. Conditions being as they are any and every nation has the right to supply China with anything she desires. The cordial relations existing between Japan and Germany does not preclude the latter from making deliveries of arms and munitions to China, and if Germany can do so without Japanese reproach, there is no justification for suggesting that the other Powers are doing something which should be reprehended. The sauce for the German goose in this case is equally suitable and appropriate for the other nations' gander. Singular also is the Admiral's reference to the U.S.S. Panay incident in which he says: "I am confident that President Roosevelt's usual comprehension will facilitate an amicable solution, but I must say that it would be dishonest of us to offer many guarantees, knowing beforehand that they are not realizable." If that means anything at all, it means that in the Admiral's view Japan is not able to give definite assurances that foreign vessels, naval or civilian, will not be attacked in Chinese waters. Why such assurances cannot be given may be completely understood. It is not necessary to dilate upon the reason at this juncture, but the inference will be received with considerable astonishment that the mandates of the Japanese government have not been receiving and may not receive all the respect to which they are entitled. The statement that if foreign vessels navigate in the war zone incidents can occur, carries with it the suggestion that it is necessary for the foreign Powers to co-operate with Japan by withdrawing such vessels. It is no part of their duty to do so, and, if they did, it would amount to an abandonment, however temporary it might be, of those interests, which the Powers are bound to protect, and which Japan has so repeatedly expressed her intention to respect. Taken all in all Admiral Suetsugu in this interview has made no great contribution towards clarifying the air, but has rather added to the cloud of mystification which obscures a great deal of Japan's actions in this part of the world.

THE GIFT HORSE

The opening of all areas north of Soochow Creek for residence and business to non-Chinese, as announced on Sunday evening, may be something of a "belated Christmas gift," but, looking this particular horse in the mouth, it may be remarked without discourtesy that it is not much of a present. All that has really happened is that what has already been granted will no longer require the passes and such like paraphernalia that were required under the older rules which have now been superseded. It represents but a very small advance towards solution of the problem which has been created by closing these areas to the public, a problem which will remain unsolved until Chinese are allowed to return there to work and live. The explanation given at yesterday morning's Press Conference concerning the proposed infliction of the death and other penalties according to the Japanese military law does not clarify matters. It is unthinkable that any foreigners who may care to live in the reopened areas would be so foolish as to commit any of the offences described by Japanese military law, and if they did the Japanese would be perfectly entitled to seek redress. But where those foreigners are under the protection of extraterritorial rights, which according to the Japanese official spokesman there was no intention to override, administration of these military rules in the case of an extraterritorial foreigner would in effect amount to an interference which cannot be justified in the circumstances. It is conceivable that such a foreigner doing something he had a perfect right to do under his own laws might incur a charge of violation of the Japanese military rules. Is he then to be taken before a Japanese court martial, charged and sentenced? If such a thing occurred then not only would there be interference with exterritorial rights, but they would have been completely set at naught and overridden. It would seem that the most the Japanese authorities could possibly do in such circumstances would be to hand the man over to his own consular authorities, who might find no grounds upon which to take action. In conditions such as they are to be found in Shanghai the endeavour to impose martial law upon persons who do not come within Japanese jurisdiction is highly improper, and may give rise to misunderstandings which it is so desirable to avoid.

UNNECESSARY

Central Shanghai was treated yesterday morning to an interesting exhibition of aerobatics by a Japanese seaplane, which, gleaming bright and attractive against the sky, started to demonstrate all the novelties of air stunting. The machine roared through the sky and looped, rolled, stood on its tail and indulged in all sorts of marvellous manœuvres which attracted the attention of large crowds. It also swooped very low and at one time seemed to clear the fore truck of the U.S.S. Augusta by a only a few feet before the exhibition concluded. On the whole, it was an interesting sight to witness, but was it necessary? Aerial stunting above cities has been banned in most countries in the world because of the hazard entailed should an accident happen, and nobody could deny yesterday that the same element of danger was present. Shanghai has suffered too much in the last few months from the accidental or other effects of aeroplanes of both sides during times of hostility to be subjected to any more exhibitions which might conceivably add to the dangers experienced by the populace. Possibly some degree of exuberance on the part of the pilot inspired the exhibition but it is to be hoped that the Japanese High Command will see it is not repeated. The proper place for aerial stunting is over an aerodrome away from busy streets and not over the central portion of an extremely crowded city at present.

PACIFIC FISHERIES

The action of the U.S. Navy in rounding up fishing boats operating along the Californian coast of Japanese ownership under dummy American registration, is not connected with recent incidents in China, but with the general question of the manner in which Japanese craft are operating in the eastern waters of the Pacific Ocean. Recently Alaskan fishermen have directed the attention of the American government to the manner in which Japanese fishers have been making inroads into the salmon fisheries upon which the U.S. government has spent much time and money in improving. The Japanese, acting quite correctly by fishing in non-territorial waters, have been doing, it is said, very considerable damage. So much so that the future of the industry is imperilled by a continuation of present practices. Representations to Tokyo have up to now met with no very favourable response. The vessels against which the U.S. Navy is operating are in fact Japanese owned, but by reason of their dummy registration are enabled to fish in territorial waters and continue doing the damage which is being done outside those limits. The majority of foreign owned ships under American registry are said to be Japanese, and the action of the authorities is designed to prevent practices which, if persisted in, will inevitably impoverish the fisheries. It is still hoped that on the major question the representations made to Tokyo will ultimately prove effective, though in this minor aspect of the problem the authorities are clearly dealing with people who have brought themselves within American jurisdiction by acquiring a fictitious American registration.

IN PARENTHESIS

Munchausen

"DID the ice give way under your feet?"

"Oh, no, of course not! I was swimming about under water before the frost came!"

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Surely Not

"YES, my boy, I'm a self-made man."

"That's what I admire about you. You always take the blame for everything."

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Bakery

CLIENT: Why, Mr. Blackstone, your office is as hot as an oven."

Lawyer: "So it ought to be. I make my bread here."

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Invitation

"You don't love me any more."

"Why dear, I certainly do."

"You couldn't love a woman with such old clothes as I have."

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Careful, Hubby

HE: "I want to know, once for all, who is boss in this house?"

She: "You'll be much happier if you don't try to find out."

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Seriously

FARMER: "Hey, what are you doing in that apple tree?"

Small Boy: "Believe me or not, mister, but I've just fallen out of an aeroplane."

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Sorry

HE: "I always kiss the stamps on your letters, because I know that you have touched them."

She: "You're wrong there. I moisten the stamps on Fido's nose. It's always wet."

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Strange Car

MAGISTRATE (a non-motorist): "The officer has stated that you were abusive when you were stopped."

Motorist: "Well, you see I was in a tantrum at the time."

Magistrate: "The make of your car doesn't interest me in the least."

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Retort Courteous

SALESMAN: "No, madam, I am afraid we cannot let you have any goods on credit. We allow credit only to customers of long standing."

Customer: "Well, if the time I've been standing here is worth anything, I ought to get the goods for nothing!"

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Pure

THE minister called at the Jones home on Sunday afternoon, and little Willie answered the bell.

"Pa ain't home," he announced. "He went over to the golf club."

The minister's brow darkened, and Willie hastened, to explain: "Oh, he ain't gonna play any golf; not on Sunday. He just went over for a few highballs and a little stud poker."

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Patriot

FOR an hour the commanding officer had been lecturing the squad of new recruits about the glories of being a soldier.

Having emphasized their duties as soldiers of King and country, the officer called to one of the recruits—McGlinty—and questioned him.

"Now then, Private McGlinty," he said. "I just want to see whether you have been listening. Tell me, why should a man lay down his life for his King and country?"

McGlinty scratched his head for a moment. Then his face lit up.

"Faith, captain," he cried, "you're right—why should he?"

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In Lighter Vein

Don't be too heavyweight, nor yet
Too very high of brow—
But read some nonsense now and then,
And better do it now.

One's bundles weigh a lot some days,
And time and time again,
It's best to drop them all, and just
Proceed in Lighter Vein.

Some Cents of Humour is the best
Bank account to own—
If we've a "bone to pick with you."
It is your Funny Bone!

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For the Record

THE president of Super-Colossal Pictures entered the main office. "Get out!" he howled at a young man sitting there. "While I'm boss I'll not tolerate any loafing around here."

"I beg your pardon," said the young man, "but I don't work here. I just came in looking for a position."

"Then you're hired," growled the president.

"Oh thank you, sir," beamed the young man.

The president pointed to the door again. "And now get out," he roared. "You're fired!"

The young man picked up his hat and turned to the president. "Do you mind," he inquired, "if I ask one question?"

"Well," barked the executive, "what is it?"

"Tell me, what kind of job did I hold before I was fired?"

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

Yesterday	Min. 34.0	Max. 43.0
Same date, 1936	Min. 31.0	Max. 45.0

Rainfall nil.

Siccawei Recordings:—

Yesterday	Min. 29.8	Max. 46.6
Same date, 1936	Min. 28.8	Max. 47.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 26th:—Siberian anti-cyclone steady over Siberia, China, Korea and Japan. Low area or typhoon to the south of Yap. Fresh winter monsoon along the China Coast. Cloudy and fine, cold to cool weather in China.

State on the morning of the 27th:—Cloudy and cold weather. North-north-westerly breezes. Pressure rather high and steady.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy, rather fine and cold weather with morning mist and regular north-westerly to northerly winter monsoon around Shantung and over our Coasts. Cloudy to overcast with rather fresh northerly to northeasterly monsoon over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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JAPANESE CLAIM CAPTURE OF SHANTUNG CAPITAL

Three Columns Claim to Have Taken City: Buildings Set on Fire by Retreating Chinese

STORY OF FALL OF HANGCHOW TOLD

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

WITH an estimated loss of 120 officers and men killed and wounded in four days' fighting, Japanese forces to-day were in possession of Tsinan, capital of Shantung province.

Crossing the Yellow River at three points on the night of December 23, a communiqué of the Imperial General Headquarters issued at 6 o'clock to-night said, the Japanese troops progressed rapidly southwards.

Chowtsun, an important railway station on the Tsinan-Tsingtao Railway about 60 kilometres east of Tsinan, was taken at 7 o'clock on Christmas night.

The three columns then converged upon Tsinan to carry out the second occupation of the Shantung capital by Japanese troops in a decade.

Before retreating, the Chinese set fire to all important buildings, the communique added. The Japanese Consulate-General, the German Consulate and the Japanese Hospital were burning fiercely this morning. The Provincial Government buildings, headquarters of Gen. Han Fu-chu, were also set on fire yesterday morning.

Press dispatches from Japanese correspondents at the front said the entire walled city appeared to be ablaze.

Japanese infantrymen, the reports added, were actively engaged in mopping-up operations among the burning buildings. Japanese flags were seen on top of the city gates. Few Chinese soldiers were reported seen in the unwalled city, the more up-to-date part of Tsinan.

Encountering little resistance, a Japanese column occupied the aerodrome, two kilometres west of the city, at 1 o'clock this afternoon.—Domei.

Withdrawal from Hangchow

Hankow, Dec. 27.

Following the capture on December 24 of Hangchow, the capital of Chekiang province, the Chinese forces withdrew to the southern bank of the Chientang River.—Reuter.

According to Japanese reports available in Hankow the city was entered on Sunday, says Trans-Ocean. The Japanese first attacked the Chinese lines near Chienchow, Kungsenchow and Zahkou, infantry, artillery, tanks and the air force engaging in the offensive.

Evidently applying the new tactics which have been decided upon since the fall of Nanking, the Chinese troops did not engage in costly hand to hand fighting but retreated in good order after having held up the Japanese advance as long as possible. It is believed in Chinese circles here that the Chinese casualties were comparatively slight, although accurate estimates are not yet available. In the course of their retreat the Chinese destroyed the large bridge over the Chientang so that the Japanese could not follow them, and all Japanese attempts to cross the river have so far been prevented through heavy machine-gun fire, according to Chinese reports.

Shantung Position Critical

The situation in Shantung province is becoming more and more critical since the Japanese, according to latest reports, have crossed the Yellow River at three points, namely Chinho, Chiyang and Loku, 10,000 having crossed at the last-named point. From Chinho the Japanese are pushing forward in the direction of Chochen after having occupied Chinchen so that Tsinanfu is now in imminent danger. The military authorities of that city have therefore ordered that the measures for defence be completed with redoubled haste.

Generals Han Fu-chu and Li Chung-jen who exercise the military command over Shantung province have declared that it will scarcely be possible to prevent the Japanese from invading the province because the Chinese soldiers though greater in number are not able to combat successfully the modernly equipped Japanese troops.

The defence of the province, however, Chinese circles declare, will be determined and unrelenting so that any ground gained by the Japanese will cost them dearly.

In reply to accusations that the Chinese troops in Shantung province have hitherto offered only slight resistance, it is pointed out that the organization of the system of guerilla warfare has not yet been completed but that in future it will be carried out on a large scale so that the Japanese tanks and superior equipment will—it is hoped by the Chinese—be useless against the rapidly moving Chinese guerilla bands.

Japanese Astride Railway

Hankow, Dec. 27.

With Japanese troops from the Yellow River astride the Kiaotsi Railway at Changtien, 65 miles east of Tsinan, the position of both the provincial capital and Tsingtao is admitted in Chinese quarters here to be critical.

Chinese forces are taking up positions at Weihsien in an attempt to check the advance of the Japanese towards Tsingtao, while the Chinese troops defending Tsinan are resisting a Japanese thrust westward.—Reuter

Japanese Navy Off Shantung

Tsingtao, Dec. 26.

Naval activities by the Japanese fleet are reported off the Tsingtao coast, presaging, it is believed, large-scale invasion of this resort city by the Japanese navy and army forces.

Several Japanese warships, according to reports received here, have been sighted off Puchia island and the Lingshanwei coast in the vicinity of Tsingtao.

As a precautionary measure, Chinese defence forces at the two places have been given instructions to check any Japanese attempts to land troops there.—Kuo Min.

Japanese Army Launch Attacked On Soochow Creek

Two Missiles Hurled From Honan Road Bridge

NO CLUE TO IDENTITY OF THROWER

The Shanghai Municipal Police were yesterday investigating a mysterious attack upon a Japanese army launch which occurred at Honan Road Bridge at about 11.20 a.m. The perpetrator of the attack disappeared afterwards, and all efforts to trace him had met with failure up to last night. The only eye-witness of the attack was a Chinese woman who was walking over the bridge when the attack took place, but when questioned by the police she was unable to give any clue as to who was responsible. From the report given by this woman to the police, it appears that an unidentified person hurled two or three missiles, presumably grenades or bombs, at the launch while it was passing beneath the bridge.

The first missile exploded on contact with the water a short distance from the launch, while the second exploded in the air before striking the water, Neither missile seriously hurt the occupants of the launch, which was carrying twelve Japanese soldiers at the time. It was reported that the Japanese opened fired upon the bridge, but this was denied yesterday by the Japanese military spokesman. The launch proceeded on its way, and a report of the incident was made to the Japanese military authorities. A number of people passing over the bridge at the time heard the explosion of the missiles, but no one could be found who saw the incident except the Chinese woman.

During yesterday afternoon, two representatives of the Japanese military authorities visited the headquarters of the Shanghai Municipal Police to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident, and they left a short time afterwards, having been assured that the police would do all in their power to trace the person responsible for the attack.

One Slightly Injured

One Japanese soldier was slightly injured in the explosion. The sampan, according to a Japanese Embassy spokesman, continued downstream without opening fire on the bridge. The culprit, stated by the Japanese authorities to be "presumably a Chinese," escaped.

The failure of the Shanghai Municipal Police to prevent the incident and to arrest the culprit "cannot but hamper the return to normalcy in Shanghai," the spokesman declared.

While the Japanese Consulate-General had been informed by the Shanghai Municipal Police that attempts were being made to track down the grenade-thrower, the presence of "such subversive elements in the Settlement cannot but affect the intention of the Japanese authorities to reopen the areas north of Soochow Creek to Chinese," the spokesman stated.

The Japanese authorities, "confident that the Shanghai Municipal Police would do all in its power to trace down and arrest the culprit," the spokesman said, were adopting "a wait and see attitude."

He intimated, however, that the efforts of the Shanghai Municipal Police would be carefully watched.

The spokesman, by implication, tended to blame the incident on the failure of the Shanghai Municipal Police to take adequate steps to curb such "subversive activities."

IL DUCE BECOMES GRANDFATHER

Son Born To Sig. Vittorio Mussolini

Rome, Dec. 27.

Signor Benito Mussolini, Premier of Italy, became the grandfather of another child to-day when the wife of his eldest son, Vittorio, gave birth to a boy.

"Il Duce received the news with great joy," says a communiqué announcing the birth.

The infant is the first grandson to carry on Signor Mussolini's name.

Vittorio is married to Orsola, the daughter of Signor Buvolri, of Milan. The wedding took place on February 6 this year.—Reuter.

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED BY ARABS IN BATTLE

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Haifa, Dec. 26.

Lieut. K. J. Mountain, of the 1st Battalion of the Border Regiment, who was seriously wounded while fighting Arab rebels in the Hills of Galilee yesterday, died to-day of his injuries.—Reuter.

SAMOAN CLIPPER REACHES AUKLAND IN TEST

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Aukland, Dec. 26.

The Pan-American Airways "Samoan Clipper," which left Pago Pago, Samoa, yesterday on a trail flight to America and New Zealand, arrived here to-day.—Reuter.

Japanese Ships Seen Near Macao Carrying Troops

Excitement in Canton At Prospect of Landing

SPECULATIONS ROUSED

No Official Chinese Reports

Hongkong, Dec. 27.

Foreign passengers bound for Macao by steamer yesterday saw 20 Japanese vessels 15 miles north-east of Macao.

The flotilla had either hove to or was steaming along very slowly. It comprised a number of transports and war vessels, including at least one aircraft-carrier.

A number of aeroplanes left the aircraft-carrier and circled above the Macao-bound steamer, conducting observations.

The two transports sighted off Bias Bay last week are believed to have been the first of this concentration, and it now appears that a landing will be effected on Chinese territory in the Macao hinterland, whence direct roads also lead to Canton.—Reuter.

Excitement in Canton

Canton, Dec. 27.

Excitement over the prospects of a Japanese invasion of Kwangtung, which had been dying down here, was redoubled this morning with the reports from Hongkong that foreign passengers aboard a Macao-bound steamer sighted 20 Japanese vessels 15 miles north-east of the Portuguese port yesterday. Chinese quarters here had been previously unaware of this.

A high official, interviewed by Reuter, declared: "If the vessels were sighted yesterday, they must reach their destination to-day, but official reports have not been received; therefore I feel that this is possibly another scare caused by transport again bringing reliefs for Japanese vessels already in South China waters."

Observers here believe it unlikely that Japanese troops will attempt to invade Canton via the delta which, they contend, would be a very difficult proceeding. Besides, they say, it would necessitate the establishment of bases and aerodromes in South China, and these would need several thousand troops to protect them.

Meanwhile, considerable aerial activity is believed to be taking place at present in South China, and air raid sirens were sounded in Canton twice this morning.—Reuter.

CHINESE JOURNALIST DIES AT POST

Editor of Nanking Daily Killed by Shrapnel

Hankow, Dec. 27.

It is learnt that Mr. Hsiao Hanchu, editor-in-chief of the "Hsing Hua Jih Pao," one of the leading newspapers in Nanking, was killed during the Japanese air bombardment of Pukow on December 11.

Throughout the hostilities around the capital, Mr. Hsiao had stuck to his post, displaying great courage in directing the work of his staff. It was only when the Japanese had entered and occupied the Kwanghua Men (gate) on December 11, that he crossed the Yangtze to Pukow with his staff.

When they reached Pukow a squadron of Japanese aeroplanes attacked the railway station. Disregarding his personal safety, Mr. Hsiao instructed his staff to take refuge. Just then, a heavy piece of shrapnel pierced his right chest, and he succumbed soon afterwards.—Kuo Min.

"FEDERAL RESERVE BANK" OF CHINA

Sino-Japanese Organization Floated in Peiping

Peiping, Dec. 26.

A "Federal Reserve Bank of China" has now been founded here with the co-operation of Japanese and Chinese banking circles. The new bank has a capital of $50,000,000.

It is hoped here that the new bank will be supported by the Peiping branches of the Bank of China as well as of the Commercial Bank, as both these banks have always preserved considerable independence of their respective central banks at Nanking. The founders of the new financial institute expect to obtain Japanese credit of about Y.100,000,000.—Trans-Ocean.

ANDORRA REJECTS THE POPULAR FRONT

Paris, Dec. 27.

The result of the elections to the Council General of the little Pyreneean republic of Andorra, half the 24 members of which are re-elected every two years, signifies, according to "Le Jour," a defeat of the Popular Front and an expression of gratitude of the citizens adherence to Gen. Francisco Franco for help rendered under difficult circumstances in the famine in Andorra in the autumn 1937 when the Council appealed for aid to both warring parties in Spain. Although Andorra is bordered by Republican Spain, Valencia declined to furnish aid, whereas Gen. Franco with the consent of the French authorities, sent through French territory, a plentiful supply of food. The voters have now remembered General Franco's friendly attitude.—Trans-Ocean.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS PLANE COMES DOWN IN FOG

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Le Havre, Dec. 26.

The Imperial Airways flying-boat Cordelia, bound for England from Alexandria, came down on Le Havre roads this morning owing to fog in the Channel. The Cordelia, carrying one passenger and mails, will continue her flight at 8 a.m. to-morrow.—Reuter.

DRASTIC ARMY COUNCIL CHANGES

Viscount Gort, v.c., who was in Shanghai with the Shanghai Defence Force in 1927, photographed with Mr. Hore Belisha, the Secretary of State for War, at the War Office. Viscount Gort has been appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the head of a new Army Council of younger men.

Second Refugee Train Bookings In Hankow Good

Over Two Hundred Seek To Go To Hongkong

KIUKIANG FOREIGNERS AMONG PASSENGERS

Hankow, Dec. 27.

Over 220 foreigners have booked passages for Hongkong by the next, and apparently last, international train leaving here on December 30. These include over 140 from Kiukiang, 40 from Hankow, and 40 from Changsha.

It seems to have become a ritual to christen these trains carrying refugees to Hongkong, and the next one has been named "The Last Train From Madrid"—the title of a motion picture recently shown in China.

The authorities of the Canton-Kowloon Railway have given every help and co-operation in order to make possible the evacuation of neutral nationals, and there is every reason to hope that the train leaving on Thursday will make as successful a journey as the "Christmas Express."

About 300 foreigners travelled to Hongkong in the "Christmas Express," including 138 women, 85 children, and 71 men from Hankow. En route to the south, the train picked up several foreigners at Changsha. The trip was uneventful.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN CABINET RESIGNS

King Carol Trying To Solve Crisis

Bucharest, Dec. 27.

As the latest calculation of General Election results indicated that it did not have a majority, the Cabinet recently reconstituted by M. George Tatarescu, the Prime Minister, resigned to-day. The outgoing ministry is almost entirely a Liberal one. King Carol, breaking his Christmas holiday, has returned to Bucharest to solve the crisis.

The resigning Cabinet was first formed in September last year, and at its first session it voted a sweeping series of measures providing for the dissolution of armed political guards and establishing compulsory labour service for youths. It also decided rigidly to enforce disciplinary life in the universities.—Reuter.

CHANGES IN CHINESE GOVERNMENT

Shuffling of Personnel To Meet Conditions

Hankow, Dec. 27.

With a view to ensuring greater efficiency in the present military operations, numerous changes in the personnel of the Chinese Government are being made.

General Kang Tseh, who commanded mobile units of the Government forces during the anti-Communist campaign in Kiangsi, has now been appointed Garrison Commander of Kiukiang in place of General Chen Luai.

Meanwhile, General Chen Chen, deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Government forces in the anti-Communist campaign in Kiangsi, is reported to be in view for the post of Garrison Commander of the Wuhan area, which comprises Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang.

At the outbreak of hostilities in the Shanghai area General Chen Chen commanded the Chinese troops on the Lotien front, while later he reorganized the Chinese forces who withdrew to Anhwei from the Shanghai-Nanking Railway sector.

It is also reported that the fifth and sixth ministries of the Generalissimo's headquarters, in charge of publicity and mass training respectively, are likely to be amalgamated into one ministry, which will be known as the Ministry of Political Affairs.

At present Mr. Shao Li-tze is head of the Fifth Ministry and Mr. Chen Li-fu head of the Sixth Ministry.—Reuter.

Japan Delaying Reply to London On Wuhu Incident

Gaimusho Awaiting Report on Hongkong Waters Violation

FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNCERTAIN

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Japan's reply to the British Note of protest against the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird on December 12, near Wuhu, was now being drafted, said the spokesman of the Foreign Office at this morning's press conference.

It might be some time, however, before the Note was ready for presentation, the spokesman added, although he declined to indicate whether it might be expected before or after the New Year.

The spokesman said that a report was expected on Japan's alleged violation of Hongkong's territorial waters, which would clarify the issue, "when a reply may be given to Great Britain."

Asked whether there had been any further recalls of punishments of Japanese naval or military officials, in connection with the bombing and sinking of the U. S. S. Panay, the spokesman, after a lengthy pause, replied that he "could not say definitely."

He added, however, that it might be imagined that some others, who were responsible, might be called back to Tokyo for investigation, but it was not certain.—Reuter.

H. M. Envoy at Gaimusho

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie called to-day on Mr. K. Horinouchi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, with whom he discussed the Ladybird incident. The talk lasted an hour.—Reuter.

TERUEL DEFENDERS STILL HOLD OUT

Madrid Heavily Bombarded: Republicans Reply

Barcelona, Dec. 27.

It was announced by the Barcelona radio station last night that a Republican estimate put the number of Nationalist troops still holding out in the monastery of Teruel at about 2,000.—Trans-Ocean.

Madrid Bombarded

Madrid, Dec. 27.

Heavy artillery fire could be heard in the University sector shortly after midnight to-night as Republican batteries appeared to be retaliating for the intense nationalist shelling of Madrid.—United Press.

Mexican Volunteers

Vera Cruz, Dec. 26.

The Spanish steamer Ibai sailed for Spain from here to-day carrying sixteen Mexican volunteers for the Spanish Republican forces. The ship also carried 20,000,000 cartridges, 20,000 rifles, several aeroplanes, hundreds of grenades and supplies of food. A cannon was mounted on the deck of the steamer for protection of the important cargo. Members of the Spanish Embassy were on hand here to bid farewell to the Mexican volunteers.—United Press.

SOVIET ENVOY VISITS GAIMUSHO

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

The Soviet Ambassador M. Mikhail Slavutsky, visited the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, this morning, and, it is reported, "made a final arrangement for the settlement of one of the pending important problems between Japan and the Soviet Union."—Reuter.

FASCIST COMMISSION TO VISIT JAPAN

Rome, Dec. 26.

A Fascist study commission of representatives of all Fascist organizations, is to leave soon for Japan to strengthen mutual relations betwen the two countries, says an order by Signor Starace, secretary-general of the Fascist Party.—Trans-Ocean.

UTILITIES IN HONGKEW AREA TO BE RESUMED

Postal Service, Buses In Action Soon

TREATIES RESPECTED

Japanese View of Legal Obligations

Postmen and telegraph boys will once again ring the bells of residences north of Soochow Creek, and buses will roll down Broadway and Yangtszepoo at a near date, a spokesman of the Japanese Embassy indicated yesterday.

Negotiations for the restoration of normal conditions, at least as far as communication and postal and telegraph facilities are concerned, are being actively conducted, he revealed.

Foreign residents the nature of whose occupation necessitates nocturnal locomotion will be issued special curfew passes by the Japanese authorities, he added. Passes issued by the S.M.C. and the French authorities are not recognized north of the creek.

Points of Law

Drawing a close line of differentiation between "law covering territory and law applicable only to individuals or a group of individuals," a Japanese Embassy spokesman yesterday morning contended that the penalties applicable to persons engaging in activities endangering the safety of Japanese forces in Shanghai did not conflict with extraterritorial rights enjoyed by certain foreign nationals in China.

The regulations, the spokesman declared, were issues as "a measure of self-preservation" and constituted a necessary prerequisite to the reopening of the areas north of Soochow Creek.

"The regulations specify penalities against persons engaging in certain activities against the Japanese armed forces," the spokesman said. "These are aplicable to Japan, Chinese, or third party nationals, without differentiation."

The authority of the Shanghai Municipal Police, the spokesman argued, was not being infringed upon, since it remained in charge of suppressing crimes stipulated by general law.

"These specific regulations are necessary as I do not believe that there is anything in municipal ordinances prohibiting activities detrimental to the safety of Japanese forces in Shanghai," the spokesman declared.

Chinese law also did not prohibit activities against Japanese forces, he pointed out.

"In such circumstances, it was deemed necessary to proclaim rules of conduct in order to ensure the safety of the Japanese forces," the spokesman declared.

Penalties applied only to "specific offences directed at the Japanese armed forces," the spokesman emphasized.

Extraterritorial rights were guaranteed under treaties concluded between China and various Powers and were applicable to the territory of China, he admitted.

Extraordinary Situation

"The presence of Japanese troops in China has given rise to an extraordinary situation," the spokesman declared. "Regulations to cope with such an emergency naturally had to be worked out.

"The present rules," he added, "are applicable only to individuals engaged in acts of a hostile nature against Japanese armed forces.

"We are confident that third party nationals will not engage in such activities detrimental to the safety of the Japanese forces. But, should the regulations unfortunately have to be invoked against a third party national, full consideration will be given to the principles of international law and to the terms of existing treaties."

NEW CHINA C.-IN-C. APPOINTED

Sir Percy Noble to Succeed Sir Charles Little

London, Dec. 28.

Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Lockhart Noble, Fourth Sea Lord and Chief of Supplies and Transport since 1935, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Charles Little. He will assume command next February, instead of April, due to the illness of Sir Charles Little.

He will sail for Hongkong in the P. & O. liner Comorin, which he will join at Marseilles on January 8.

Vice-Admiral L.G.E. Crabbe, recently in command of the Yangtze Patrol, is Acting Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

Sir Percy Noble, who will be 58 years of age on January 16, served in the Grand Fleet throughout the Great War, at the close of which he was promoted Captain. He was Director of the Operations Division, Admiralty Naval Staff, between 1928 and 1930, Director of Naval Equipment in 1931-32, and Rear-Admiral Commanding the Second Cruiser Squadron from 1932 to 1934.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC PARLEYS IN LONDON DUE

France, Britain, Italy and Germany to Meet Soon

London, Dec. 27.

A four Power economic conference was predicted to be called as soon as M. Paul van Zeeland, former Belgian premier, submits his general report on "economic rehabilitation" in Europe, well-informed circles said to-day.

Britain, France, Italy and Germany were mentioned as the Powers to be present at the conference. M. Paul van Zeeland recently completed a mission for the French and British Governments and prepared a report on measures to increase international trade.

Basic points expected to be discussed at the proposed conference were a ten-year customs truce; abolition of "clearing" systems; mobilization of "frozen credits," also creation of a currency equalization fund by the Bank for International Settlement.—United Press.

Removal of Property Across Creek

Foreigners wishing to remove property from areas north of the Soochow Creek will be escorted from the Garden Bridge to the Police Station of the district in which their property is situated. In order to make their identity known at the Police Station concerned, it is requested that all foreigners carry identification papers for this purpose.

Efforts Made to Stop Panay Films On Way to U.S.A.

Cameraman Discloses Attempt by Japanese to See Him

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS TO GUARD NEWS REELS

Honolulu, Dec. 26.

Two apparent Japanese attempts to obtain motion pictures taken aboard the U.S.S. Panay by Mr. Norman Alley were revealed here to-day by the ace Universal Newsreel cameraman who is en route to the United States with the films.

A Japanese spokesman, he said, attempted to reach him in Shanghai the Saturday following the fatal bombing of the Panay by Japanese planes. Mr. Alley said he was under an American naval and Marines escort, however, and refused to see the Japanese spokesman.

A second possible attempt to obtain the films was made when a Japanese seaplane circled over the American destroyer Stuart when he was en route to Manila from Shanghai with the historic pictures, Mr. Alley said. He was unable to determine whether the Japanese plane was armed and emphasized the two incidents might have been coincidences.

Special Precautions

Indicative of the value placed on the films by American Government officials, a detachment of American naval forces met the Pan-American Airways Clipper plane on which Mr. Alley arrived here and took the pictures to Pearl Harbour, the naval base. There they will be kept under guard until the China Clipper is ready to leave for Alameda, Calif. The China Clipper was delayed here to-day by unfavourable weather and the exact time of its departure had not yet been determined.

The United States Government also has prepared unusual precautions in America to prevent seizure of the films. U.S. Secret Service operatives will meet the China Clipper at Alameda to protect Mr. Alley and his films. An armoured truck will take them from the Alameda airport to Oakland where six detectives will board a plane with Mr. Alley for the flight to Washington where the films will be shown to officials of the Department of State.—United Press.

Unexpurgated Showing

New York, Dec. 26.

The motion picture films featuring the "Bombardment of the U.S.S. Panay" will be released unexpurgated, Universal News announced here to-day.—United Press.

SOVIET ENVOY GOING TO CHUNGKING

To Present Credentials To Mr. Lin Sen

Hankow, Dec. 27.

The new Soviet Ambassador to China, M. Luganets-Orelsky, will present his credentials to Mr. Lin Sen, the Chairman of the National Government, in Chungking on New Year's Day.

The Ambassador will be the first diplomat to present his credentials in the new ceremonial hall of the National Government office in Chungking, which will be completed on December 29.

The Foreign Office in Chunking is on Shanching-Yueh Road, or the Road of the Clear Moon.

M. Luganets-Orelsky arrived in Hankow yesterday from Lanchow.—Reuter.

KING HOLDS PRIVY COUNCIL

Consent Accorded Kin of Queen Victoria to Wed

London, Dec. 26.

A Court ccircular from Sandringham announces that the King held a Privy Council at 6 o'clock this evening at which the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent were present. The Earl of Athlone acted for the Lord President of the Council.

The King, it is understood, gave his formal assent to the marriage of Princess Frederika of Brunswick and Prince Paul of Greece.

As the Princess is a great granddaughter of Queen Victoria, the King's assent is necessary before the marriage can take place.

It is many years since a Privy Council was held on the day after Christmas.—Reuter.

SOVIET WORKERS ARE "HAPPIEST"

French Communist Leader on Popular Front Gains

Arles, Dec. 26.

Achievements of the Popular Front were outlined to-day by M. Maurice Thorez, Secretary-General of the Communist Party at its congress.

Among these achievements were the forty-hour week, holidays on full pay, collective contracts, revaluation of agricultural products and the increase of popular pleasure organizations such as sports, tourism and education.

"Since the advent of the popular front," M. Thorez stated, "we are better off and can at least breathe." He then eulogized the Soviet regime, stating that the Soviet worker is "the happiest in the world."—Havas.

CHINA CUSTOMS FREE LIST FOR JAPAN'S GOODS

Japanese Ships to Ply Yangtze Trade Soon

OSAKA INFORMED

Rehabilitation Needs to Be Favoured

Osaka, Dec. 17.

Now that the plan for the economic reconstruction of the Shanghai area is well under way, the transportation of cargoes from Japan to Shanghai, which, with the exception of munitions, had been banned, has been made completely free, according to a report reaching the head office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, says the "Osaka Mainichi."

To carry the enormous amount of building materials and other goods waiting for shipment to Shanghai, the N.Y.K. will continue the present temporary Shanghai service of the Akita Maru and the Tatsuno Maru, which were mobilized some time ago, in addition to the Shanghai Maru and the Nagasaki Maru, the regular steamers on the run.

The cargoes to be dispatched to Shanghai are classified into the following three categories for the procedures for shipment:

No import duty will be levied on

First class: Munitions, goods for the benefit of soldiers, comfort kits to the Japanese Army and Navy, and cargoes accompanied by certificates of the Army or Navy authorities.

Second class: Daily necessaries of the Japanese residents in China and building materials.

Third class: Other cargoes in general.

No import duty will be levied on the goods enumerated in the first and the second classes. The attachment of the invoices of the Chinese consuls in Japan is required for the shipment of cargoes of the third class in case their value is higher than Y.200 per packet, for some of them are subject to import duty. As the shipment of cargoes addressed to foreigners, the licences of the relevant consulate-general must be attached.

As Japanese shipping activities in China waters are now ready to make a phenomenal development, the re-establishment of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, which plies between Shanghai and Yangtze ports, will soon materialize. The Japanese Ministry of Communications is now drafting the plan for its re-establishment.

The N.Y.K. and O.S.K., meantime, are planning to open new services such as between Japan and Hainan island and between Osaka-Kobe and Hankow. The Yamashita Kisen Kaisha are also considering similar steps.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL MAY JOIN CABINET

Air Secretary's Post Said Offered and Accepted

London, Dec. 26.

Mr. Winston Churchill will enter the British Cabinet at the beginning of the new year as Secretary of State for Air, it is reported in the "Sunday Referee" to-day. According to the paper, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, has already offered the post and Mr. Churchill has accepted. The present incumbent of the post, Lord Swinton, is said to be overworked and anxious to be relieved of his duties.

Because of the holidays, it was impossible to obtain comment or confirmation of this report from authoritative quarters.—Trans-Ocean.

CENTAURUS ARRIVES IN AUCKLAND

30,000-mile Survey Flight Completed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Auckland, N.Z., Dec. 27.

The Imperial Airways Empire flying-boat Centaurus, which left Southampton on December 3 on a 30,000-mile survey flight to Australia and New Zealand, arrived here to-day after covering the 1,300-mile hop from Sydney in eight hours.

The Centaurus flew over the Imperial Airways marine air route to Karachi and then followed the proposed flying-boat route via Calcutta and Singapore to Port Darwin.

Its hop to-day represented the first commercial survey flight ever made by a flying-boat across the Tasman Sea.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PEERS IN PRAISE OF TROOPS

Minister of Navy Expresses Thanks for Message

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Convening in plenary session this morning, the House of Peers adopted a reply to the Imperial message of Emperor Hirohito, and a message of appreciation, paying tribute to the achievements of Japanese troops in China.

"The brilliant achievements of Japanese troops," the message said, "are chiefly attributable to the august virtues of the Emperor, but we cannot forget the effects of the brave and loyal soldiers and bluejackets."

The Diet's reply to the Imperial message of Emperor Hirohito, who opened the 73rd session yesterday morning, was conveyed to the Palace this morning by Count Yorinaga Matsudaira, President of the House of Peers.

Expressing his gratitude, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, Navy Minister, promised that the Imperial Navy would redouble its efforts to achieve the objectives of the campaign, "in view of the fact that hostilities are likely to be prolonged."

He declared that the Japanese Navy would continue its efforts "to meet the wishes of the nation."

Prince Kuniyuki Tokugawa was chosen chairman of the committee of the whole house.—Domei.

Ss. Conte Verde Arriving To-day From Home Ports

Passengers to Reach Customs Jetty at about 11 a.m.

SOUDAN SAILING FROM BUOYS 36 AND 37

The Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde, which sailed from Hongkong on Christmas Day, is expected to come up-river shortly after daylight this morning, when she will be tying up at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf. Tenders which will go down to the ship to to bring off her passengers and mail from European and way ports are to leave the Customs Jetty at 8 o'clock this morning, and to return to the Bund at about 11 o'clock.

The Conte Verde is to sail on her return journey to-morrow morning. A special lighter will be lying at the Customs Jetty up to 9 a.m. to-morrow to take heavy baggage to the ship, while passengers will board tenders an hour later. As was the case with the Messageries Maritimes liner Athos II, which sailed from port yesterday, no visitors will be allowed on board the ship while she remains in port.

The P. & O. 6,100 tons cargo steamer Soudan is to sail from port to-day, bound for Marseilles, Casablanca, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rottedam and London. She is at present lying at Customs Lower Buoys 36 and 37.

According to advices received by the local Lloyd Triestino office, the mv. Cortellazzo left Colombo on December 19, and expects to arrive here on or about January 7; the ss. Conte Biancamano left Genoa on December 18 and is due here on January 11; and the mv. Volpi left Trieste a week ago to-day and is expected to reach Shanghai on or about February 10.

Coast of Ships

Turning to coastal shipping, Messrs. Geo. L. Shaw advised yesterday afternoon that the ss. Shinfu is expected to arrive in port to-morrow morning from Tinghai and Haimen with a full general cargo and passengers; she will be berthing at the Kinleeyuen Wharf. The Shinfu sails for the same two ports at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon with cargo and passengers.

Five coastal sailings are listed for to-day. At 6 a.m. the I.-C. ss. Fooshing sails from Hunts Wharf for Swatow, Hongkong and Canton. At 7 a.m., the C. N. ss. Wuhu sails from the French Bund for Tungchow. At 8 a.m. the C. N. ss. Suiyang sails for Foochow and Hongkong from the French Bund.

Bound for Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin, the C. N. ss. Shengking sails from the French Bund at 10 a.m. while finally, at noon, the I.-C. ss. Taksang sails from the Kinleeyuen Wharf, bound for Swatow, Hongkong and Canton.

Among the passengers who sailed from port yesterday in the Messageies Maritimes liner Athos II were:—

Captain Malenfant, Mr. R. E. Harffely, Mr. P. Vanderstichelen, Mr. and Mrs. P. Veysseyre, Mr. H. Y. Loo, Mrs. P. C. Cheang, Mr. H. Bar, Mr. C. Lee, Mr. T. W. Li, Mr. W. R. Johnston, Mr. T. C. Soong, Mr. E. Tang, Mr. C. D. Pearson, Mrs. P. C. Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Robert de Vos, Mr. Peccei, Mr. Ventura, Mr. Scarpini, Mr. Papa, Mrs. and Miss Yang, Mrs. A. Chiao, Mrs. B. Chiao, Mr. Chang, Mr. T. C. Chu, Mr. and Mrs. Beauchesne, Mr. E. B. Boothby, Mr. Kwok Hing, Mr. G. Atcheson.

CHINESE PASSPORT DIFFICULTIES

Chinese Going Abroad Must Apply to Chungking

Local Chinese intending to leave for abroad will have to apply to the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Chungking for huchao, says the "Sinwanpao." The huchao were formerly issued and signed by the Foreign Affairs Commissioner's office in Shanghai. When this office was abolished, they were issued by the Greater Shanghai Bureau of Public Safety's No. 2 department at the request of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. The Greater Shanghai Bureau of Public Safety ceased to exist after the Japanese occupation of the Chinese controlled area. The blank sheets of huchao and seals left here were then handed over to the Foreign Affairs Ministry's Shanghai office, but, within a short period, no such sheets were available in Shanghai, as hundreds of applications for them had been received. Chinese merchants and traders intending to leave for abroad continued to the office for these sheets, with the result that they were told to apply to the Ministry at Chungking for the huchao.

JAPANESE PRIEST TO GO TO HANGCHOW

To Take Part in Celebration Of City's Capture

The Rev. Shinichi Ohta, manager of the Japan Shinto Priests' Association, left here for Hangchow yesterday morning to officiate at a ceremony celebrating the occupation of the city. The ceremony will be held at the mouth of the Chientang River.

Bringing with him messages of encouragement from Admiral Ryokitsu Arima, I.J.N.R., President of the Central Federation of National Spirit Mobilization, and the Rev. Rentaro Mizuno, Chairman of the Japan Shinto Priests' Association, Mr. Ohta arrived here on December 21.

The following day, he conveyed the messages, "mochi" rice cakes, and straw festoons to Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Sea Fleet. A similar visit was paid to Gen. Iwane Matsui, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force, on December 23.

JAPANESE ARMY MANUALS SIMPLIFIED

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Japanese Army authorities to-day decided to simplify all army manuals and official documents in the interests of national efficiency by expunging all obsolete Chinese characters and using the same wording as that in elementary school books.—Domei.

RED CROSS URGENTLY NEEDS FUNDS

Burdens Greatly Increased After New Year

TO SAVE REFUGEES FROM STARVATION

That various Shanghai relief organizations are fast coming to the end of their resources in caring for war refugees is shown in an announcement made by the Director of the International Red Cross to the effect that beginning from January 1, the Red Cross will have to assume responsibility for maintaining some 140 refugee camps hitherto supported by the Federation of Shanghai Charity Organizations, the Shanghai Emergency Relief Committee and the International Relief Committee. This will mean an additional financial burden to the Red Cross, running into tens of thousands of dollars a month for food alone. Officers of the International Red Cross fear that unless large contributions continue to pour into their treasury, they will find it impossible to help the multitudes of war refugees through this winter.

Up to December 25, the Shanghai International Red Cross has obtained a grand total of $633,179.21 and £100 in donations for its relief work. Of this income, it has already allocated and designated a total of $495,983.54 for work by its various committees. Of the allocations already made, the three largest are: $288,572.80 for the Refugees' Committee, $89,200 for Wounded Soldiers' Committee, and $64,916.53 for the Medical Supplies Committee. It should be noted that small portions of these allocations have not yet been paid out, though they are expected to be used up very shortly.

Balance Arranged For

Thus there is about a balance of $137,195.67 available for new allocations. As the Director and the Finance Committee of the Shanghai International Red Cross have arranged to use almost all of this balance for purchasing rice and food supplies, it need hardly be said that the Red Cross relief fund is already at a low ebb. Friends interested in helping the Shanghai war refugees are requested to send the contributions to the Director's Office at 505 Honan Road.

The Clothings Committee, headed by Mrs. W. S. New, has announced that beginning from Thursday, December 30, its office will be removed to the Shanghai Y.W.C.A. building, 999 Bubbling Well Road, where clothes will be received and distributed to the various refugee camps. Since the outbreak of hostilities, the Chinese Medical Association has given free space and services to this committee, and in removing its office to a more convenient location the Committee wishes to express deep appreciation to all staff members of the Chinese Medical Association for their voluntary and extremely useful assistance. In order to be able to handle its increasingly large task, the Clothings Committee has invited two new friends to become its members: Miss T. Y. Zia, general secretary of the Shanghai Y.W.C.A., and Miss T. H. Chang, a social worker.

Additional help has also been secured for several other Committees of the Shanghai International Red Cross: Mr. Feng Ping-nan for the Finance Committee, Mr. W. H. Plant and Mr. E. E. Wilson for the Refugees Committee, Dr. Herman C. E. Liu, Mr. T. Y. Lo and Mrs. Ki Chun for the Publicity and Appeals Committee. In recognition of her voluntary and energetic services, Mrs. C. V. Starr was made an executive secretary at a recent meeting of the Shanghai International Red Cross Executive Committee. The two other executive secretaries are Dr. Y. Y. Tsu and Mr. C. W. Pettit.

BRITISH ARMS NOW MUCH STRONGER

Enormous Programme Marks Past Year's Activity

London, Dec. 26.

The year 1937 was characterized in Great Britain by a sharp increase in armaments.

The total cost of the rearmament programme was placed to £1,500,000,000 of which £400,000,000 was raised by various loans.

For the Navy, the Government decided the construction of two battleships in addition to the two ships of similar type included in the 1937-1938 programme and also decided to bring the strength of British cruisers to 70 units from the present figure of 50. Two aircraft-carriers will be constructed while two others were started in 1936. Smaller vessels are also to be built.

Military aviation progress cannot be given in precise figures but rearmament in this line is being carried out at a high rate of activity, while there is sharp increase in recruiting for the Royal Air Force.—Havas.

U.S. HOLIDAY TOLL OF LIVES HEAVY

Traffic Accidents Take Big Number of Merry-Makers

New York, Dec. 26.

Almost 500 persons to-day were feared to have been killed on the United States over the Christmas week-end. Traffic accidents took the heaviest toll of lives, but dozens died in suicides, falls, train wrecks and heart attacks. Latest figures placed the number dead at 389, but reports were incomplete.

Chicago and Cook County, Illinois, led the nation with twelve traffic deaths, seven suicides, eight falls and nineteen heart failures. Six men were killed when a car plunged over a 75 foot cliff at Wellsburg, West Virginia.

In Illinois state, 63 deaths occurred, including 26 traffic fatalities. Pennsylvania was second with 27 deaths of which twenty were due to traffic. New York reported sixteen deaths of which fourteen were traffic and California thirteen deaths, all traffic.

In the South, accidents claimed nineteen lives in Alabama, while fourteen were killed in North Carolina.—United Press.

GENERAL GOURAUD'S FAREWELL TO HIS TROOPS

General Gouraud, the one-armed Military Governor of Paris, who is being succeeded by General Bilette bade farewell to the troops of the Paris Garrison in a moving ceremony at the Invalides. Picture shows General Gouraud inspecting his troops for the last time.

QUICK WORK BY THE FRENCH POLICE

Burglar Delvered 5 Minutes After Report of Loss

There is one resident of the French Concession who is complimentary of the services of the French police. He is Mr. Alex. L. Davidson, of 35 Route Henri Riviere.

Mr. Davidson, who recently returned from home leave, had his house burgled shortly after his departure and lost some valuable silverware. He had his house burgled again early yesterday morning but the results were different.

Mr. Davidson was awakened by his houseboy at 5.30 a.m., yesterday with the news that somebody had visited the house and made off with various articles. Apparently two panes of glass had been removed by the burglar to enable entry to the house, and when an examination was made two curtains, a clock, a travelling rug and five coats belonging to the Chinese staff were missing.

Leaving things as they were, Mr. Davidson rang up the French police and reported the burglary. Within five minutes he was surprised to find the French police at his door with the burglar, who had been arrested in Avenue du Roi Albert carrying a bundle which he could not explain, but which comprised the very articles missing from Mr. Davidson's house. He admitted the burglary.

RED CROSS DRIVE

The Shanghai International Red Cross wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations December 25-27, inclusive:

The Christmas Gift Club	$345.00
Officers and Members, General Frederick Ward Post No. 1, American Legion	160.00
Mayar Silk Mills, Ltd.	150.00
St. Peter's Church	100.00
Mr. L. Riggis	100.00
Mr. S. W. Wolfe	100.00
Watanmal Boolchand	100.00
Loo Brothers	100.00
Laon Tsung Nan	80.00
Shanghai South Fukien Christian Church	55.00
H. R. Harling	50.00
Scandinavian Women's Association	50.00
Three Lights Underwear Co.	50.00
S. C. Li	50.00
Wei Chong Silk Co.	50.00
Shui Foong Tai Pongee Co.	50.00
Tuck Zung Yung Carpets Co.	50.00
Li Chong Underwear Co.	50.00
Ying Tai Underwear Co.	50.00
Hudson Eve	50.00
D. Chellaram (2nd Donation)	50.00
Mr. Mou Pah Cheng	45.00
Staff, Scherings, Ltd.	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hsia	40.00
Wang Heng Chun	35.00
Polloson Shoe Co.	30.00
K. Ashdowne	28.00
Yong Hwa Silk Co.	30.00
W. R. Lyon Bowley	25.00
Mrs. T. N. Thompson	25.00
P. Donlatram	25.00
W. A. Reed	25.00
Yu Low Siu Hwa	20.00
Dr. R. Santelli	20.00
Chen Shen Kee	20.00
Wang Mee Tsin Yuen	20.00
Yao Lee Underwear Co.	20.00
Mow Kee Underwear Co.	20.00
Industrial Arts	20.00
How Seng Co.	20.00
Yung Kee Underwear Co.	20.00
Shing Jai Kee Underwear Co.	20.00
Hong Chong	20.00
San You Underwear Co.	20.00
Summer Press, Ltd.	20.00
Yah Shing Kee Underwear Co.	20.00
Oriental Star Underwear Co.	20.00
Miss Ella P. Ely	20.00
Thomas F. Millard	20.00
Harold G. B. Perry	20.00
Hung Yu Silk Co.	17.33
Jen Teh	15.00
Mr. Tien Chen Yun	10.00
Pah Sing Book Store	10.00
Mr. Harold Reynell	10.00
Mr. W. S. Skinner	10.00
Mrs. R. S. Ross	10.00
S. A. T.	10.00
Koo Yung Tai Underwear Co.	10.00
Eastern Art Underwear Co.	10.00
Mr. C. M. Zee	10.00
Bombay Provision Store	10.00
Mrs. Margaret Wells-Henderson	10.00
Mr. Ho Pao Chuen	10.00
Dr. I. Rosenzueig	10.00
Staff, Agricultural and Industrial Bank	6.00
Messrs. Yun Mou	5.00
Messrs. Yeh Dah Ziang	5.00
Sung Chang Furniture Co.	5.00
Peh Yun Temple	5.00
Tsing Chong Silk Co.	5.00
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All donations should be sent to the Director's Office at 505 Honan Road, Shanghai.

GANG OF THREE MAKE OFF WITH $477

Three men, one armed, broke into House Two, Bung Ling Lee, off North Honan Road near Elgin Road, at 10.40 a.m. yesterday, and succeeded in making off with $477. One of the robbers was dressedd in a blue gown and a white scarf. No shots were fired, and no arrests made.

Sir Charles Tegart, who goes to Palestine to look after discipline and order as an expert policeman, is an Irishman and an old Trinity College, Dublin, man.

Royal Engagement Soon to be Announced

Berlin, Dec. 25.

The engagement of Prince Louis Ferdinand, age 30, and Princess Kyra, 28, of Russia, was expected to be announced as soon as the former Kaiser's sanction is formally given, it was intimated here to-day.—United Press.

GIRL ON COUNCIL OF HUCHOW

City in Complete Darkness When Japanese Entered

DEMOCRATIC COMMISSION SET UP

Young and attractive, one Miss Niu Shu-chen to-day serves as one of the seven assistants to the newly appointed "Mayor" of Huchow, a war-scarred town south of Lake Tai, the "Shanghai United News" reported yesterday.

On November 26, the daily said, Japanese gendarmes, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Katsushichi Uezuna and Capt. Ranjo Fujino, entered the once prosperous town.

The sight that greeted the eyes of the force, the journal reported, was not cheerful. The streets were deserted. All doors and windows were securely barred. At night, the town was shrouded in complete darkness, as the power plant was put out of commission.

Soon, the gendarmes ran across Miss Niu. She told the Japanese she was 27 years of age, and that until six years ago she served with the Chinese Eastern Railway, in Manchuria.

Power Station Repaired

Information given by Miss Niu helped the gendarmes to find Mr. Tao Shin-ju, manager of the Huchow Electric Light Company. Questioned by the officers, Mr. Tao said he had remained in town to look after the power station and expressed his readiness to co-operate with the Japanese.

On December 12, Mr. Tao, with his former employees brought back by the gendarmes, set to work repairing the damaged station equipment. Simultaneously, a Peace Maintenance Commission was set up in the town, with Mr. Tao as its Chairman.

Among his seven assistants was Miss Niu. The other six were Huchow's leading residents, educated in Japan.

The Commission has been expanded into a "democratic assembly," comprising 2,000 members, of whom about 600 are women, the Japanese journal said.

The executive work is, however, being carried on by the little group of seven Japanese-educated men and one woman.

SOVIET PURGE TOLL TO MOUNT HIGHER

Scores of Functionaries and Diplomats Await Death

Paris, Dec. 26.

The execution of about 250 Soviet functionaries and former diplomats is to take place in the near future, declared "Le Matin" in reporting that M. Stalin has refused a petition for an amnesty on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the October revolution.

The paper points out that of 159 members and prospective members of the Union Central Executive Committee who took part in the party congres of 1936 only 23 were alive and at liberty for the recent elections. The remaining 136 have been executed, exiled to Siberia or are in prison.

The large crowd of former Soviet officials who are now awaiting trial or execution without trial at the Lubyanka prison, include the former Soviet Ambassador to Berlin, M. Constantin Yureneff, and the former Ambassador to Warsaw, M. Davtyan, as well as the former secretary of the Central Executive Committee, M. Popoff, and the former deputy chairman of the Council of People's Commissaries, M. Jan Rudsutak. A few of the accused are to be arraigned before a special military court, while others are not to be granted the benefit of trial and are merely awaiting execution.—Trans-Ocean.

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REFUGEES LOOKED AFTER

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Distributes Christmas Fare

While Christmas was celebrated fully and well in the Shanghai fashion, the thousands of young refugees in the city who were rendered homeless and who are accommodated at the various relief centres, were not neglected by the more fortunate ones.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A., with contributions from the local community, had prepared about 10,000 packages containing Christmas gifts for the youngsters, including toys, fruits and sweets. These were distributed among the youngsters at the refugee camps, mostly those under the control of the International Relief Committee. Although the number of gifts was far from sufficient to the young refugees, they were a great joy to them.

At the Chiaotung University Refugee Centre, all children under 14 years of age were benefited by the spirit of Christmas charity, gifts in the form of oranges, etc., having been sent by a group of foreign ladies and gentlemen. At some of the centres, parties were also organized for the youngsters on the occassion.

CHRISTIANS URGED TO BEAR WITNESS

Primate Asks Believers to Act "Openly"

London, Dec. 26.

An appeal to the individual in his home to bear witness to Christianity "openly and courageously" among his fellows was made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, in a broadcast to the nation to-day.

Who could think, Dr. Lang asked, without a sickening heart of the appalling slaughter, suffering and manifold misery brought by war to Spain and China.

He urged that the individual be willing that the underlying causes for discontent should be examined impartially so that justice might be done, for public opinion, which ultimately swayed policy, was created only by the feelings and judgments of individual men and women.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TO TAKE OVER N.W.K. MILLS

Following negotiations between the Japanese and the American authorities a small unit of the Japanese Naval Landing Party, from January 2, will be stationed at the Nagai Wata Kaisha No. 3 and 4 mills, 19 West Soochow Road.

Japanese sailors were withdrawn from these mills at the outbreak of hostilities.

U.S. BIG BUSINESS GIVEN WARNING

Monopolies Blamed for the Recession

SILVER PRICE OF 75cts. FIXTURE LIKELY

Washington, Dec. 26.

Monopolists were blamed for the current business slump, in a speech broadcast from here to-day by the Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. R. H. Jackson. Government spending must be increased, he warned, unless prices are brought more into line with the income of consumers.

The impression that steep price increase were traceable to higher wages resulting from the growing power of labour unions is "only half accurate," he declared. The steel industry, he pointed out, increased wages ten per cent. while steel prices had been boosted 21 per cent.

"If big business insists on pricing itself out of the market and unemployment grows," he said, "the demand for more Government expenditures will be irresistible..... That will mean increased taxation on big business....which will have to bear the major part of the burden."

The Washington official pledged that President Roosevelt and Congress would not "let the people down."

President Roosevelt has completed the silver proclamation which will be released before January 1, it was reported to-day. Well informed circles believed the proclamation would establish a 75-cents-per-ounce domestic price.—United Press.

Outlook is Hopeful

New York, Dec. 26.

A hopeful long-range view of the business future was taken in the survey published to-day by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

"If business is not subjected to additional legislative drawbacks, the taxes on undistributed profits and capital gains are revised and the international political situation does not become a more serious deterrent, there is reason to warrant the belief that business is capable of working out a solution to its own problems," the survey said.

"While most observers believe that the present recession will last well into 1938, many believe there is nothing to suggest that we are entering a depression of the magnitude or duration of the last one."

The problems needing solution before the long-term prospects can be considered good were adoption of a long-range plan for relief expenditures with a view to cutting waste, and a definite plan for balancing the budget and reducing the public debt and the labour problem.—United Press.

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Harrison—Hedges

News of the marriage of Mrs. Ruth Ann Hedges of Shanghai to Mr. John Wilson Harrison, junr., of Cardiff, Wales, on December 24, in Cardiff has just been received in Shanghai through a cablegram sent to Miss Frances Donaldson, sister of the bride. No details were given but it is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will make their home in Bristol, England.

Both bride and groom are well known in Shanghai, where Mrs. Hedges has been on the staff of the American Consulate-General for some years. She is a member of the Columbia Country Club, where she played on the ladies baseball team, and is a very popular member of the American community. She left for Manila in August and afterwards went home to America on leave.

Mr. Harrison, most often referred to as "Jock," was connected with the firm of Amdersen, Meyer & Co. in Shanghai for many years. He laid out the links of the Seekingjao Golf Club and was for four years the open golf champion of China. A member of various clubs and well known generally, Mr. Harrison has been missed by many friends since he left Shanghai just two years ago.

U.S. FREIGHTER FREES SELF FROM ROCKS

Port Angeles, Dec. 26.

The Coast Guard station here was informed late to-day that the freighter Beulah had freed itself from the rocky coast of Vancouver Island and was proceeding eastward under its own power. First reports did not indicate whether any members of the crew had been definitely lost while the ship was on the rocks off south coast of the island.—United Press.

DR. GOEBBELS WILL VISIT EGYPT SHORTLY

Cairo, Dec. 26.

Dr. Paul Goebbels, Reich Propaganda Minister, is expected to arrive here on January 5 on a pleasure trip of about three weeks. On January 6, Dr. Goebbels will pay an official visit to Nahas Pasha, the Egyptian Premier. The German Minister in Cairo, Baron von Wachendorff, will give several receptions in honour of Dr. Goebbels before the distinguished visitor leaves for Upper Egypt where he intends to rest.—Havas.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. C. D. Pearson left for Hongkong yesterday by the ss. Athos II.

MR. and Mrs. P. Veysseyre and child left yesterday for Saigon by the ss. Athos II.

WE have received two "Nivea" calendars for 1938 from Messrs P. Beiersdorf & Co., A.G.

THE engagement is announced between Thomas Edward Wilkinson and Miss Lilian Hammerton, both of Shanghai.

AUTHORITIES of the "Provisional Government" in Peiping are planning to seize the silver holdings of various banks, in North China, states a special dispatch to the "Sin Wen Pao."

FOLLOWING their assumption of control over the "Jacquinot Zone" for refugees in the Nantao district, the Japanese have opened two offices there, states a report to the "Sin Wen Pao."

FOR the seventh time since the opening of hostilities in Central China, last rites for war dead were solemnized at the Nishi Hongan Temple, Chapoo Road, on Sunday afternoon.

MAJOR-GEN. T. Furujo, I.J.A.R., President of the "Manchuria Daily News," arrived here last week to assist Major-Gen. Kumakichi Harada, military attaché to the Japanese Embassy, in press liaison work.

MR. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, has been designated by the National Government as the next Chinese Ambassador in Moscow in succession to Dr. Chiang Ting-fu, says a special report to the "Sheng Pao."

WILLIAM Dunstan, Melbourne newspaper executive, has announced that an agreement had been reached whereby a group of seven Canadian paper companies will supply about 75 per cent. of the newsprint requirements of Australia and New Zealand between 1939 and 1945.

SINO-Japanese hostilities in Nanking a fortnight ago inflicted a casualty on the fourth estate, when Mr. Hsiao Han-chu, the editor-in-chief of the "Hsin Hua Daily News," was fatally wounded on December 11 while evacuating the capital, says a belated message to the "Sin Wen Pao."

BORN on the ss. Empress of Asia as that liner steamed to safety with 1,329 refugees aboard from the beleaguered city of Shanghai, Michael "Asia" Rowland was christened after the sturdy Canadian Pacific liner which played such a prominent part in the evacuation of the European residents.

AN acute shortage of charcoal and firewood has continued to worry local habitants, according to information received from the fuel trade which states that owing to a ban on exports put by the authorities in Wenchow and Taichow districts in Chekiang, a complete cutting-off of supplies to the local market is to be feared.

IN the introduction to the description of a Nanchang resident's trip from that city to Shanghai in the H.M.S. Capetown convoy it was inadvertently stated that members of the Italian Embassy Staff were on board the Italian ss. Yungkong. The Italians travelling on that vessel were attached to the Sino-Italian Aviation Works.

LARGE numbers of students of the National Chinan, Tung Chi, Fu Tan and Great China Universities have arrived in Nanchang during the past few days to take part in a mammoth propaganda meeting and to present plays in the open air for the purpose of arousing the national consciousness of the people, says a message to the "Hwa Mei Pao."

FOR the purpose of speeding up military transportation, the Japanese have been rushing repairs on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow Railways, according to information received from communications circles. Traffic on the former line, it is learnt, has been resumed as far west as Chinkiang, while trains have operated on the latter as far south as Kashing station.

MR. Teng Han-hsiang, a member of the Szechuan Provincial Government, arrived in Chungking from Chengtu on Sunday to pay his respects to the Chairman of the National Government, Mr. Lin Sen, and other Central authorities, states a dispatch to the "Hwa Mei Pao." During the trip, Mr. Teng investigated into the conditions of the districts through which he passed.

THE Civic Welfare Association for the Western District of Shanghai will shortly suggest to the authorities in the International Settlement the issue of relief bonds for the benefit of refugees, according to the Chairman of the Association, Mr. Chuan Ping. The various local relief organizations, which need at least $20,000 a day to feed 300,000 war victims under their care, are stated to have been running short of funds lately owing to a gradual decrease in contributions.

THE body of Dr. James I. Seder, 79, retired minister and missionary to Japan, was taken to St. Paul, Minn., to-night for burial at the home of a son while the state called a special grand jury to consider charges against three ex-convicts it accused of kidnaping the dry leader for $50,000 ransom. Dr. Seder died early Nov. 15 after a two-day fight against pneumonia, which physicians said "undoubtedly" was brought on by his ten-day confinement in an abandoned coal mine.

MR. Li Shih-hao, a former Minister of Finance and until recently Chairman of the Economic Committee of the now defunct Hopei-Charhar Political Council, who was alleged to have joined the "Provisional Government" in Peiping, will find to his regret that disloyal acts to the country do not always pay, says a special report to the "Eastern Times." Being a native of Yuyao district in Chekiang province, Li is reported to have built a huge mansion and kept over 1,000 mow of cotton fields in Longhsia Village of that district, which brought him a large income every year. When his traitorous activities became known in his native district, the village assembly in Longhsia decided at a recent meeting to confiscate the entire tract of his cotton fields and turn the receipts into the coffers of the assembly.

HUGE BOOTY TAKEN NEAR NANKING

Japanese Give List of Captured War Material

Hundreds of guns, aeroplanes, tanks [illegible] lorries were included in the enormous war booty taken by the Japanese troops near Nanking in the six days immediately preceding the capture of the abandoned capital, the Japanese military authorities here announced yesterday.

A detailed list included: six large aeroplanes, ten tanks, 36 trucks, 108 heavy guns, 19 field and mountain guns, 79 trench mortars, 37 anti-aircraft guns, seven anti-aircraft machine-guns, 19 Stokes' mortars, 411 machine-guns and 956 light machine-guns.

Also taken were 9,334 rifles, 115 pistols, 77,850 hand grenades, 8,216 rounds of heavy gun ammunition, 1,026 rounds of field-gun ammunition, and 62,572 trench-mortar shells.

TOWNS BOMBED IN THREE PROVINCES

Japanese Planes Visit Cities Over Wide Area

Continuing their post-Christmas activities, Japanese naval aircraft on Sunday raided railway stations, trains and military establishments in the provinces of Shantung, Kiangsu and Kwangtung, the headquarters of the Japanese China Sea Fleet announced yesterday morning.

The heaviest damage was done in Hsuchow, one of the most important remaining Chinese bases in Kiangsu, where locomotive sheds, godowns and machine-gun emplacements were destroyed.

In Shantung, Teng-hsien and Yenchow, on the Tsinpu line, were raided. In the latter town, the railway station, locomotive sheds and freight cars were demolished.

In Kwangtung, bombs were dropped on Shakow, Paknai, Yingtak and Shekkoklun, on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

At Kungyifow, on the Sunning Railway, locomotive sheds and freight carriages were destroyed by accurately aimed bombs.

Honan Cities Visited

Kaifeng, Dec. 26.

A squadron of nine Japanese aeroplanes paid a series of visits to several cities in Honan province yesterday, messages received here state.

The fleet appeared over this city shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but attacked by strong Chinese anti-aircraft fire the invaders escaped without dropping any bombs.

Other cities visited by the Japanese aircraft included Anyang, Mengtsin, Hinan, Yiyang, Sunghsien and Fancheng. Only in the last-named town were bombs dropped.—Kuo Min.

WOMAN AGENT OF FRANCE ARRESTED

Basle, Dec. 27.

A woman agent of the French intelligence service has been arrested by the Swiss police for violation of the anti-espionage law, according to reports received here. The woman, whose name has not yet been revealed, is a young Swiss from the Canton of Zurich. She mainly acted as courier between France and Germany on behalf of the French intelligence service.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW SOVIET MINISTER TO OSLO APPOINTED

Warsaw, Dec. 27.

According to a message from Moscow, the Soviet Government has appointed M. Nikonoff as Soviet Minister to Oslo. Enquiry at the Soviet Foreign Commissariat failed to elicit any information about the antecedents of this new diplomatic representative or what has become of M. Jakubewics, the former Soviet envoy to Oslo.—Trans-Ocean.

ON orders from the Chinese high command, the three north-western provinces, Shensi, Kansu and Ningsia will be incorporated into the third war zone, states a dispatch to the "Hwa Mei Pao." For this new zone of military operations, it is stated, General Yang Hu-cheng, former Pacification Commissioner for Shensi province, was appointed a few days ago as Commander-in-Chief, while General Chu Shao-liang, recently Commander-in-Chief of Chinese forces in Shanghai, was appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief. The headquarters for this sector, according to the report, will be established in Lanchow, the provincial capital of Kansu.

A CHRISTMAS SCENE FROM LONDON

This snapshot taken at Holborn, London, shows children interested in the Christmas novelties displayed on the pavement.

JAPAN THANKS U.S. FOR PANAY NOTE OF SETTLEMENT

Japanese Envoy in Washington Believes Public in America Now Appreciate Tokyo Aims

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

"PROFOUND gratitude" of the Japanese Government for the attitude shown by the Washington administration in bringing the Panay incident to an amicable conclusion, was expressed by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota yesterday to the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, who called at the Gaimusho in the morning to convey the contents of the American Note, accepting the Japanese Government's apologies for the settlement of the affair but rejecting the claim that it was accidental.

"Although it is exceedingly regrettable that an unfortunate incident such as this has happened," Mr. Hirota told the envoy, "it is a matter for congratulation that the incident has been amicably settled through a friendly spirit prevailing between the United States and Japan."

Mr. Hirota also thanked Mr. Grew for his personal efforts to bring the incident to a happy conclusion.

Mr. Grew, on his part, expressed his Government's hope that the steps which Japan had taken will prove effective in preventing "any further attacks or unlawful interference by Japanese authorities or force with American national interests or property in China."—Domei.

Mr. Saito's Confidence

Washington, Dec. 27.

The American public increasingly understands Japan's aims in China and is less critical than in the early stages of the Sino-Japanese war when public opinion overwhelmingly favoured China, according to Mr. Hiroshi Saito, Japanese Ambassador to the United States. The claim was made in the first issue of the magazine "Connecticut Circle," published here to-day.

Mr. Saito attributed America's sympathy for China in the early days of the current hostilities to the fact that Americans believed China was the "under dog" and being subjected to the ravages of Japanese militarism. Another reason for American sympathy for China, he said, was fear of Japan's growing power.

As a result of the "impartial attitude" of America's leaders, including Government officials, the general American opinion of Japan's aims changed, the Ambassador asserted. Although Japan was "unprepared for war", he said, she was provoked to open hostilities at Chinese instigation.

Japan's Growing Power

Referring to Japan's growing power, Mr. Saito said Britain once deplored the rise of the United States to a position of power and was pleased when the American Civil war arose because of a belief that a divided and weakened United States would be beneficial to Britain. Nevertheless, he said, when the United States aided Britain in the Great War, the British became grateful that America had risen to the position of a major Power.

The United States, he asserted, might in the future be grateful for a strong Japan as "stabilizer of peace in the Orient and a bulwark against Communism."

"The terms of settlement Japan will present to China," he said in referring to ultimate armistice in the Far East, "will be moderate and demonstrate that Japan has no agressive designs."—United Press.

JAPANESE COMMENT ON SETTLEMENT

Blow to Chiang Kai-shek, Says "Nichi Nichi"

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Commenting to-day on the amicable settlement of the Panay incident, the "Nichi Nichi" expresses the opinion that "it must have come as a sore disappointment to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and his followers, including Mr. T. V. Soong and Dr. H. H. Kung, who have been dreaming of an anti-Japanese front, with Britain and America as the centre." The Chinese, it says, have "assiduously conducted mendacious propaganda in connection with the incident."

"America's acceptance of Japan's reply," says a statement issued by Vice-Admiral Yamamoto, Vice-Minister of the Navy, "is due to clear vision of the situation and correct understanding of Japan's sincerity, as well as of the incident itself, on the part of the American Government and people amidst a whirlpool of misunderstanding and propaganda, for which the Japanese Navy feel sincere pleasure."

Vice-Admiral Yamamoto expresses appreciation of "the calm and sympathetic attitude maintained by the Japanese nation since the Panay Incident," and concluded by saying, "It is hardly necessary to mention that the Japanese Navy will exercise stricter caution and restraint to ensure absolute prevention of a recurrence of such an untoward incident in the future.

"The solid co-operation of the whole nation at this juncture is also earnestly desired in the Navy's efforts to dispel all sorts of misunderstanding and misgiving between Japan and a third party in connection with the China Incident, in favour of understanding and friendly relationship, thereby turning misfortune into a blessing."—Reuter.

H.M. Gunboat Personnel Entertained

Hankow, Dec. 27.

The British community entertained the personnel of the British gunboats in port at the naval canteen this evening. The bluejackets gave a concert, while the community supplied "beer and bangers." The event wound up a series of Christmas gatherings which, considering the conditions prevailing here, had been remarkably spirited.—Reuter.

PRINCE SAIONJI NOW OUT OF DANGER

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Prince Kimmochi Saionji, the 87-year old "Genro," has fully recovered from his indisposition and "there is no occasion for anxiety over his condition," an attending physician said to-day on his return from the statesman's seaside villa at Okitsu.—Domei.

N. CHINA PROGRAMME FOR RELIEF

Peiping, Dec. 27.

Vigorous measures to increase the relief programme for the rehabilitation of North China and to hasten its execution, were discussed to-day at a meeting of the Executive Commission of the Provisional Government of China.—Domei.

MLLE. MARYSE HILSZ DOWN IN BANGKOK

Saigon, Dec. 26.

The French airwoman, Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, who is attempting to break the women's record for the long-distance flight, was forced down at Bangkok yesterday by engine trouble. She will return to Saigon from where she will take off again.—Havas.

Two local financial houses which have been in suspension for some time will shortly resume business, states a report to the "Sin Wen Pao." One of them is the Dah Kong Bank, which has closed down over six months ago. Thanks to its usual sound operations, however, a checking of its books revealed only a small loss, so the shareholders expressed in favour of its reopening. Now that nearly normal conditions have been restored in Shanghai following the shifting of the war theatre to the west, the bank has decided to reopen its doors on December 28. The other financial house contemplating resumption of business, according to the report, is the Tung Yi Trust Company, which came to grief more than a year ago over alleged irregularities.

GERMAN FOREIGN DEBTS MUCH REDUCED

Berlin, Dec. 26.

The external debt of Germany has been lowered from 25 milliard marks in 1930 to ten milliard marks in 1937, declares the review of the State Bank, which also reports that the assets of the commercial balance of the Reich are now only 500,000,000 marks. The it is necessary to revise the external journal reaches the conclusion that debt of the Reich.—Havas.

U.S. WAR VETERANS AND PEACE POLICY RIFT

Panama City, Dec. 26.

Mr. Ray H. Duncan to-day resigned from the commandership of the Canal Zone's department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in protest to the national organization's pacifist policy in seeking a quarter million signatures for a petition backing "peace at any price."—United Press.

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AREA DETAILS UNLUCKY IN THEIR GAME

It may have been the effects of too much "Christmas Puddin"—which excuse it is hoped will enable the Rugger Club to look forward to better results n their future senior engagements this season—but yesterday's display when the 1st fifteen were beaten by the Durham Light Infantry by three points to ten, certainly left the spectators with mixed feelings concerning the Club's prospects in their big matches this season.

The Army team gained their margin of victory in the second half when they scored a penalty goal, a dropped goal and a try in that order, and followed it up by pressing strongly and threatening to increase the score. In contrast, the Club took the lead by a try scored in the first half, during which period they were lucky to get this lead, the undoubted superiority of the Army side being rewarded when the latter gained their points for the victory.

Earlier impressions this season regarding the play of the Durham Light Infantry were such that they were not expected to run out winners over the Club 1st fifteen, but yesterday's display dispelled all thoughts of their inferiority, and they will now be considered well in the running for any championship rugger honours that are going.

It may have been that the Club had an off day, and by reason of being so badly overshadowed, showed the Durhams up in a much better light, but the Army side were more in evidence both forward and behind the pack. Their threes were machine-like, especially in the second half when they were repeatedly fed, and their running and handling were treats to watch.

Outstanding Individuals

It would be difficult to single out any individual of the winners but Captain Kirby was safety personified at fullback and A. G. White in comparison was completely out of the picture. Stringer played a clever game at stand-off half and backed up Lieut. Lister Todd, whose play confirms earlier impressions of his prowess, while the forwards were very strong both in the tight and in the loose. It was noticeable that the Durhams got the ball out quickly and transferred it to the wings without wasting time—time which would have given the Club backs an opportunity to nail their opposite numbers—with the result that both Edwards and Simpson were given plenty of opportunities. The spacing between the Durhams threes was something the Club threes might take a page out of, for the contrast between the positioning of the two three-quarter lines was very marked.

In the tight, the Durhams were hooking better than the Club, and their heeling led to Lister Todd getting the ball back immediately, every heel being cleanly completed. He was very closely watched by S. A. Wallace, but despite these attentions, was able to put Stringer away often.

Club's Play

The Club had the excuse of being short of some of their regular players. The forwards worked hard, with Macrae hooking. He has filled this position very creditably recently, and as Burford was not playing yesterday, this may be a permanency. Wallace and Warner were always well up in the loose. P. De Beaumont was deputized to play scrum-half in place of J. A. McGregor, who was ill. His passes were good and well distributed, although he was slightly slow and inclined to be smothered. He is a valuable player, and might fit into this position if he perseveres. The scrum-half position is one which is giving the selection committee some troublesome thoughts this reason, and it appears the only way to find the suitable person is to play several men repeatedly as crum-halves.

A. Thomas was not at his best yesterday. He has apparently been told he hangs on to the ball too long, and as a result his eagerness to get rid of it yesterday saw the three-quarters completely mixed up with no understanding reached as to what was going to happen. He is not the man for the fly-half position, and is valuable enough to be retained in the team, so a reversion, with R. H. Roe going back to fly-half, and Thomas being put into the threes seems the logical positioning of the outsides. G. S. McGill on the wing was good, and several of his runs impressive. A. D. Sayle on the other extreme suffering in comparison because he did not receive as many chances. R. H. Roe was the best of the threes and is always a good example to his side, and in view of the weakness of the outsides, particularly the halves, it would seem he must go back to the fly-half position. G. Bastian deputised for W. H. B. Rigg, who is suffering from a bad leg, and was fairly good.

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY:—Captain Kirby, Pte. Edwards, Cpl. Hood, Ptes. Hunter, Simpson, Stringer, Lt. Lister Todd, Pte. Beddows, Lt. Lowe, Lt. May, Cpl. Scott, Ptes. Donaghue, Oborne, Rush, Johnston.

CLUB 1ST XV:—A. G. White, A. D. Sayle, R. H. Roe, G. Bastian, G. S. McGill, A. Thomas, P. De Beaumont, R. T. Burch, W. J. Richmond, A. M. Kennedy, B. R. Brown, D. Mcl. Wheeler, I. M. Macrae, S. A. Wallace, R. A. O. Mayne.
Referee: L. W. Walkinshaw.

The Club forwards were prominent in the loose in the earlier minutes, and Kennedy was seen leading a foot rush which nearly brought off a score. Good defensive work by Captain Kirby, whose touch-finding was a treat, took play back to the middle of the field, and a Club three-quarter movement saw McGill going off on a fine run, only to be bundled into touch near the flag. From the line-out, the Club pressed again and under a mass of players, R. T. Burch went over to score. I. M. Macrae failed to convert. (3-0).

In the second half, the Club started off well, and several kicks into touch took play into the Army "25," but the eventual winners retaliated with a three-quarter movement started in their own half and they took play well into the Club territory where the local team was penalized and Hunter scored. (3-3). The score evened, the winners pressed strongly and after a fine three-quarter movement, Edwards was pushed into touch. From the line-out, the ball was rapidly transferred to the centre and here Hood dropped a grand goal. (7-3). Going ahead still further, the Durhams gained another try, when the threes went through a full movement with Hunter running round and scoring, and failing to convert his own try. (Durham 10—Club 3).

FULL RUGGER PROGRAMME FOR HOLIDAY

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

A. D. Sayle of the S.R.U.F.C. has just been tackled by one of the Durham Light Infantry team in the match yesterday on the Polo Grounds. Club players in the picture include J.R.M. Warner, I. M. Macrae and R. T. Burch in the background.

One of the U.S. Marines team getting away from the Club defence in yesterday's Marines v. S.R.U.F.C. fixture. Following up for the Club are A. Mabb, D. Henchman, L. D. M. Beattie, and A. Komoroff.

MARINES' DEBUT

The U.S. Marines made their initial appearance in rugby football this season when their fifteen defeated a Club XV by a goal and three tries (14 points) to nil, the Club side playing up well in the first half, but falling away in the second period when they had to fight strongly to keep the score down.

The Marines were originally to have played the Club 2nd XV but a misunderstanding about times for the games led to the Club 3rd meeting the American team, with the result shown. The winners have a number of inexperienced men in the side this year and will have to persevere with their training to achieve the form reached by the famous teams which preceded them. That they will do so is confidently expected in view of their fine performances with equally inexperienced men in earlier years, and Shanghai looks forward with hopes for the annual rubber series between the Club and the U.S. Marines.

Of yesterday's team, only six men of last year's team remained, the others being newcomers of this year, some of whom have considerable talent. Of these Sykes was outstanding, his running being powerful, and with a little more coaching he will be recognized as a threat in the attack. Among yesterday's side, C. Smith at full-back played a fine game, his kicking and handling being outstanding. McLoin, also a player retained from last year's team, ran strongly, while Havelock, who played on the wing was fast and hard to stop. Mencner was the most experienced man in the side and has seen several years of Rugby football in Shanghai. He strengthens the side considerably, and will open up the game to the advantage of the undoubted natural ability for running as shown by yesterday's three-quarters. Of the forwards, Vusic and DeWitt were names to be remembered from last year, the former playing a good game as did Davis, a newcomer this season, and one of whom more will be heard.

The Club side was forced to play a defensive game, but Hocking, Aiers and Thornley were prominent with their tackling, while McMichael showed up well in the attack. The forwards brought off several good footrushes, with Sayle and Yanus well to the fore.

U.S. MARINES:—C. Smith, Sykes, Petro, McLoin, Havelock, Menener, Drissel, Vusic, DeWitt, Davis, Bixler, Hammock, Regan, Graziano, Cieżak.

CLUB XV:—W. P. Hetherington, L. R. Hocking, K. R. Aiers, A. Thornley, B. H. McMchael, I. Hutchison, A. Komoroff, D. B. Henchman, J. D. Sayle, C. A. Momber, A. Mabb, L. D. M. Beattie, C. Hodgman, B. Yanus.
Referee: G. S. Dunkley.

The Marines were well up in the opening minutes, their forwards footrushing the ball into the Club half, but Thornley intervened and kicked to touch. From mid-field, Havelock picked up the ball and went off to a fine run, handing off the defence to score. Vusic failed to convert. Play favoured the Marines slightly and Sykes scored on two successive occasions, both tries being unconverted. In the second half the Club were held to defensive measures, and although the Marines were expected to put u a bigger score, they only gained one more try which Davis converted.

CLUB'S ONLY WIN

The Club 2nd XV proved too strong for the Area Details, whom they defeated by a goal and two tries (11 points) to nil, the losers putting up a good showing against a fairly strong Club team.

The winners included a number of good players, and were able to go through several movements, in which the threes figured prominently. Brown played a steady game while Hicks and Liddell were good in the forwards: For the Army side, Hamlin at fullback was very sound, and Falkiner and Nieve opportunists in the forwards, with Goulding of the Loyals, recruited for the match, ever a thorn to the Club attack and a threat to their defence.

CLUB 2ND:—W. V. K. Chadwick, C. Guignard, A. S. Read, G. M. Mills, E. R. Brown, R. N. Bryant, P. Given Wilson, N. M. W. Harris, G. J. P. Carey, N. Hicks, M. O. Liddell, R. Monnot, A. L. A. Bonbernard, M. N. Speyer.

AREA DETAILS:—Hamlin, Short, Gater, Captain Barclay, Wood, Wilmot, Keep, Baxter, Falkiner, Sharp, Nieve, Burke, Goulding, Rimmer.
Referee: G. S. Dunkley.

The Club gained their tries through Bryant, Brown and Mills, the first named's effort being converted by Monnot. The game provided some fairly hard play with the winners holding a slight advantage throughout.

European Welterweight Title At Stake

Brussels, Dec. 27.

Felix Wouters, the Belgian holder of the European welterweight boxing title, has accepted the challenge of the German champion Gustav Eder. The fight will take place at Brussels on February 2.—Trans-Ocean.

LOYALS EASILY BEAT RECREATION CLUB

Soldiers Too Good for Local Combination

The Loyals swamped the Recs in a league encounter played on the Race Course yesterday when the soldiers scored six goals without reply from their opponents. The Recs held the army side to a goalless draw in the first half, and this was due to the fine defence work of Burgoyne, Marshall and Turner with Marshall outstanding. In the second half the soldiers ran riot, and scored freely, netting no less than six goals at almost regular intervals of five minutes.

Whiteing and Feeney were outstanding for the Loyals, the wing half giving a fine display of half-back tactics and giving his forwards numerous opportunities for scoring. The Loyals' front rank, confronted with a stone-wall defence in the first half, attempted to work the ball right giving the defenders ample opportunity to repulse attacks. The crossbar and posts constantly stopped shots from the Loyals' front line, which kept the crowd constantly on its toes.

Madar and Symons adopted a "W" formation with the result that the Recs front line was not a strong attacking force. Ryan put over a number of good crosses but Jackson had no difficulty in clearing these. England lacked the experience to beat Barton and Parkinson, Taylor and Murphy were both dangerous wingers for the Loyals, and their crosses constantly menaced the Recs goal. Stephens was a good leader scoring two of his side's goals.

S.R.C.:—Burgoyne, Marshall, Turner, Brodd, Bulldeath, Kew, Aldeguar, Symons, England, Madar, Ryan.
LOYALS:—Jackson, Barton, Parkinson, Swarbrick, Whiteing, Feeney, Taylor, Shuttlesworth, Stephens, Yates and Murphy

BERLIN BEATS PARIS AT RUGBY

Berlin, Dec. 26.

A rugby match played here to-day between student teams from Paris and Berlin ended in a 9-3 victory for the German team. Among the distinguished spectators were the German Ambassador to London, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, and the French Ambassador to Berlin, M. Francois-Poncet.—Trans-Ocean.

BOXING DAY SOCCER RESULTS

London, Dec. 27.

Following are the results of the League Soccer matches played to-day:—

English League

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 2, Blackpool 1
Birmingham 2, Liverpool 2
Brentford 2, Manchester City 1
Charlton Athletic 3, Chelsea 1
Derby County 4, Bolton W. 2
Everton 3, Leicester City 0
Huddersfield T. 1, Sunderland 1
Middlesbrough 2, Leeds United 0
Preston N. End 1, Portsmouth 1
Stoke City 1, Grimsby Town 1
West Brom A. 2, Wolverhampton W. 2

2ND DIVISION

Barnsley 3, Luton Town 1
Bradford 1, Aston Villa 2
Chesterfield 3, Blackburn R. 0
Coventry C. 2, Sheffield U. 2
Fulham 2, Burnley 1
Manchester U. 4, Nottingham F. 3
Norwich City, 2, West Ham U. 2
Sheffield W. 1, Plymouth A. 1
Stockport C. 2, Newcastle U. 2
(When abandoned after 76 min.)
Swansea Town 0, Southampton 0
Tottenham Hotspur 1, Bury 3

3RD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot 2, Millwall 1
Brighton & H. A. 2, Clapton Orient 1
Bristol C. 1, Northampton T. 0
Cardiff City 4, Mansfield Town 1
Exeter City 2, Crystal Palace 2
Newport County 0, Watford 0
Southend U. 2, Queen's Park R. 1
Notts County 1, Gillingham 0
Swindon Town 0, Reading 0
Torquay United 0, Bournemouth & B. A. 0
Walsall 5, Bristol Rovers 2

3RD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington S. 0, Rochdale 1
Crewe Alexandra 2, Hartlepools U. 0
Doncaster R. 1, Carlisle U. 3
Halifax Town 1, Southport 1
Hull City 4, Darlington 0
Lincoln City 1, Port Vale 0
Oldham A. New Brighton (postponed)
Rotherham U. 4, Chester 1
Tranmere R. 2, Bradford C. 1
Wrexham 3, Barrow 2
York City 5, Gateshead 1

—Reuter.

GERMAN WINTER SPORTS POSSIBLE AGAIN

Munich, Dec. 27.

Wintry weather conditions accompanied by a heavy snow fall have returned to southern Germany and have made a resumption of the big winter sports programme in the Bavarian Alps possible. New snow to a depth of ten centimetres has also fallen in the Erzgebirge and in the Silesian mountains.—Trans-Ocean.

The Lawn Tennis Association's share of the profits of the Wimbledon championships in 1936 was £10,968, compared with £8,860 in the previous year. There was a loss of £2,441 on international matches, and a loss on the year of £398. Investments and loans to affiliated organizations amount to £55,001.

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DURHAMS DEFEAT FUSILIERS

Fast Game Ends with Final Score of Four Goals to Two: Better Combination Wins

BY "SCRUTATOR"

THE game between the Durham Light Infantry and the Royal Welch Fusiliers played at the Canidrome yesterday ended in a win for the former by four goals to two. It was played at a fast rate, and was clean, less than half-a-dozen free kicks being awarded for rough play. Both sides displayed some fine football, the Durhams showing better combination and understanding than the Fusiliers and this was responsible for their victory. The fine defence work of Keating and Wheeler prevented the Dunelmanians from scoring more frequently the former showing fine anticipation in moving forward to intercept passes to hold up attacks. Manchips played well, and could not be held responsible for the loss of the four goals.

Kenaghan played a sterling game at centre-half, and showed some masterly touches to open out play, but the Welch forwards found the Durhams' half-back line a difficult barrier to penetrate; behind the halves, Curtiss was a powerful defender.

Talbot was responsible for some fine movements, but he was overshadowed by Cope of the Durhams who looks like developing into a fine inside forward. The inside man gave Hanratty some fine forward passes, but Keating did not give the winger much room for crossing the ball. Wilson, the Durham's keeper, lost a goal as the result of fumbling, and nearly lost a second for the same reason.

D.L.I.:—Wilson, Curtiss, Allan, Brown, Thomasson, Hay, Hanratty, Cope, Wilson, Fulton and Rutherford.
R.W.F.:—Manchipp, Wheeler, Keating, Wanklyn, Kenaghan, Gresty, Dennis, Sullivan, Grindley, Talbot and Parry.

Fine passing movements were a prominent feature of the play, and Brown placed to Cope who sent out to Hanratty for Manchipp to hold and clear the winger's cross. Brown then drove a free kick from 30 yards out over the post.

Curtiss showed fine anticipation when he intercepted a cross from Dennis with Grindley, Talbot and Parry waiting for the ball. Talbot then placed the ball nicely for Sullivan to hit the post with a strong shot with Wilson well beaten; Curtiss kicked clear. Wheeler then adopted off-side tactics to hold up the Durham in two successive raids.

Thomasson held up Talbot after he had beaten two opponents and worked into the middle, to send to Cope, who neatly beat Keating to give Manchipp no chance with a low fast drive. (22 mins.).

Free Kick Relieves

The Durhams continued to have the best of the exchanges and Hanratty fired in a strong shot which Manchipp dropped, Wilson, in attempting to contact the ball, was penalized for illegal charging of the keeper. From the free kick, Kenaghan placed to Parry who sent across to Dennis, the winger shot and Wilson punched for a corner. The Fusiliers were now making strenuous efforts to equalize, and Parry combined, the inside man running out to the wing to take a Parry pass on the run, and then cut in to shoot. Wilson punched out, and Talbot regained possession to send a fast ball across the goalmouth. Hay, standing five yards out tried to pull the ball down, and in turning sent it into the back of his own goal. (28 mines.)

Hay drove a free-kick from thirty yards for Manchip to save rather cleverly, and the keeper again distinguished himself when he ran out to clutch a pass in fine style from Wilson to the unmarked Fulton.

The second half was not a minute old when the Durham front line went right through the Fusiliers by means of a fine movement, the ball passing by quick movements from Brown to Fulton, Cope and Hanratty, who crossed for Fulton to head into the net. The Durhams were soon back again, following the place kick. Wanklyn sent across to Talbot who sent over to Dannis, the winger sent in a terrific shot which Wilson just managed to punch out. Dennis regained possession but Thomasson tackled to beat him for possession and clear.

A Strong Game

The Durham half-back line was playing a strong game at this period, being prominent both in holding up attacks and pushing the ball forward for it own attack to keep the Fusiliers defenders busy.

Wilson nearly lost a goal as the result of running out to intercept a pass when Dennis crossed to Grindley. The keeper missed the ball, but Grindley did not get it properly under control and he put it over the bar.

Keating held up several Durham attacks, and following a clearance in which he took the ball forward, sent out to Dennis who replied with a curling shot. Wilson had the ball covered but fumbled it and let it drop between his legs, and as he tried to recover possession Grindley ran in and netted to equalize the score. (24 mins.) Parry then shot and again the keeper fumbled. Curtiss, running back kicked clear. Allan then miskicked to conceed a corner, which went to Talbot. Brown beat him in the tackle and sent to Cope. The inside man sent up the middle to Wilson who sent it across the goalmouth. Rutherford shot to hit Wheeler, for the ball to rebound to Wilson, and as Manchipp dived the centre pushed the ball to Hanratty who netted in the scramble. (32 mins.)

Durhams' Advantage

Talbot, Parry, Grindley and Dennis combined to take play towards the Durham goal in a fast movement. Dennis shot for Wilson to tip the ball over. At the other end, Hanratty crossed to Rutherford whose shot struck the outstretched leg of Manchipp and Wheeler cleared. The Durhams now held territorial advantage and it looked to be but a question of minutes before they would score. Keating, Wheeler and Wanklyn holding them up. Brown gathered a pass intended for Talbot and worked the ball forward and then suddenly swung it to Hanratty who was unmarked. The winger cut in and shooting on the run beat Manchipp with a fine shot to score the fourth goal. (40 min). The winger then crossed in the next raid and Manchipp, running out, took the ball off Wilson's head as he was about to head goalwards. The keeper cleverly held a cross from Hanratty just as the whistle sounded to end a thrilling and exciting game.

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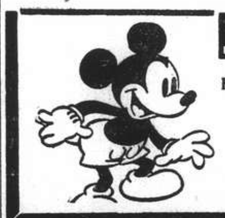

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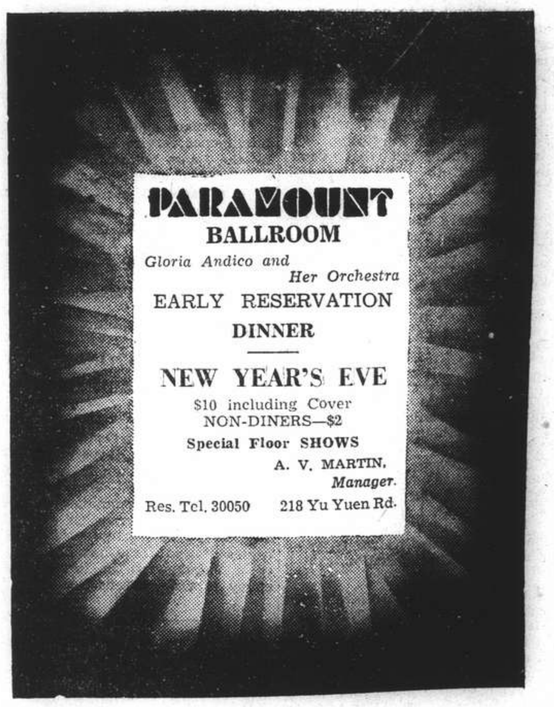

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CHRISTMAS RACE MEETING

Naming Morn, Coronation Morn Both Beaten; Needa Takes Three Firsts, Renner Two

By The Squire

THE great "Morn" stable had a blank day at yesterday's races, the sensation of the day being the defeat of their two favourites, Naming Morn and Coronation Morn. Nothing was seriously backed in the sixth race to beat Coronation Morn and well over half the tickets taken for a win on the nine starters were on the Morn "crack," but after lying last for the greater part of the eleven furlongs over which the race was run the pony found it only possible to beat all but one, Mr. A. S. Henchman's Bramshot, well handled by the stable's second-string jockey, young Gabor Renner, who won by a length and a half to reward his fortunate backers with the satisfactory prize of $138.60.

Betting in the next race was confined almost entirely to Frostylight and Naming Morn, but the race fell to the best backed outsider in The Frigate, Needa bringing in the Winsome and Hasty pony a length ahead of Frostylight, which was a little less fancied in the betting.

Proceedings opened at eleven o'clock in the morning, when there was a most exciting finish to the first race, a three-quarter mile affair for ponies classified three or three A, two of the latter variety dead-heating for first place. These were Major Ford's The Dunlin, ridden by Kew, and A. V. White's famous jumper White Whiskers, with the stable jockey riding. Needa was third, a length and a half away, on White Ramp.

A question for beginners, "What is the difference between Fourth Class and Class 'Three A'?" Answer, presumably, "There is no such thing as Fourth Class," but the question is asked so often that a better answer will have to be thought of soon.

Successful Experiment

The experiment of having four races on one day for one class of ponies, a system advocated many times, proved a great success. Instead of having the usual third class field, the best part of one hundred strong, jostling and fighting for position all the way round the course, there were four fields averaging ten starters, enabling every pony to have a chance to win if it could and giving every spectator a chance to watch the race intelligently; the policy of the Stewards in this respect met with the full approbation of racegoers.

Cumine, who is only just beginning to get the mounts his ability deserves opened the winning account of the Winsome and Hasty stable, in the second race on the nice little grey Grayling, which won quite comfortably from Blue Boy, with the favourite Sundridge Park, ridden by Striker, a length and a half away, third. Young Kew had his second winner of the day when he brought Mr. Hardi's Zauberfels in by the shortest of heads in the mile and a quarter race for third class ponies, paying $28 for a win. The Farmer's good little pony Pharos was second and Blenheim third.

Tiffin now intervened, enabling punters to screw up courage for a mild gamble on Lal Bagh, and the favourite rewarded them, in Needa's capable hands, by winning by a length. This was the first of Needa's three winners during the afternoon.

A Good Fourth

Encouraged by their success, punters rightly chose French Leave in the next race, and after its recent running it was surprising to find Mrs. Jack Liddell's pony pay as much as $13.40. A stable companion in Early School, Renner up, ran the favourite to a neck. Most of the money not on French Leave was put on Flying High and this young trier came in a good fourth. This is a pony that good judges have picked out as one that will improve all the time, and it is hoped that after its griffin year it will be seen in steeplechases.

Emboldened by doing so well in the previous race, Renner went one better in the Griffins' eleven furlongs in which he had the mount on Bramshot and the temerity to beat a raging hot favourite in Coronation Morn, after an ex-Morn pony, Going Wrong, had made most of the running. Lively Morn lived up to its name at the start and gave Gram a few anxious moments before he got well away.

No time was wasted in the next race, the first five furlongs being done in one minute thirteen and three fifths seconds. This suited Needa on the Frigate, which came through very strongly to win in convincing style by a length from Frostylight.

The next race was a "seller" and this was also won by Needa, on the favourite, Joint Account, for which there was no bid at the subsequent auction. Sundridge Park duplicated its performance in the second race by running third.

A sprightly looking brown was to be seen in the paddock before this race, and reference to the "telegraph board" showed this to be old Record Mark, winner of many, many races in the past six years. Some had a ticket on him "for the sake of auld lang syne," but apparently many others had for different reason, for he was almost as well fancied as the favourite, and ran very well too.

A grand afternoon's sport came to an end with another most exciting race, R. B. Moller, on Tungtsenlight, just getting the verdict in an extremely tight finish by a head, Royal Bee 11 and Huntley Watch dead-heating for second place. Again there was no bid for the winner at auction.

1.—¾ Mile.
The Dunlin (Major J. T. Ford) 145 A. C. Kew, DH 1
White Whiskers (A. V. White) 148 A. A. White, DH 1
White Ramp (Makalee) d149 V. V. Needa 3

Also ran:—Esquire (H. M. R. Hodgman), Merry Pilot (A. V. Striker), Romford late Reno Morn (A. F. Clark), Pearlylight late Pearl Morn (R. B. Moller), Golden End (H. W. Keep), Bright Eyes (A. Noodt), Bright Moth (V. L. Xavier), Dolce Farniente (R. Morgan), Invicta (C. Encarnacao), Servus (J. Pote-Hunt), Stormylight (E. J. Bell), Port Erin late G. E. (G. P. Gram).
Won by Dead Heat, 1 length.
Time 1.33¼ sec.
Win, $68.00. Places, $47.00, $29.60, $26.00, $28.60.

2.—9 Furlongs.
Grayling (Messrs. Winsome & Hasty) 147 E. B. Cumine 1
Blue Boy (Jack Liddell) d154 J. Pote-Hunt 2
Sundridge Park (Snack) c152 A. V. Striker 3

Also ran:—Cinema Morn (C. G. Jack), Tango (A. A. White), Rhino (F. K. Royal Scot late Henry Lee (G. P. Gram), Diniz), Grey Snake (H. M. R. Hodgman), Macrenzie (R. Morgan), Sky Raider late Stunt Plane (A. Noodt), Gay Courtier (C. Encarnacao), Saucylight (R. B. Moller).
Won by 2 lengths; 1½ length.
Time, 2.22⅘ sec.
Win, $31.60. Places, $6.60, $7.80, $6.20.

3.—1¼ Mile.
Zauberfels (Hardi) 152 A. C. Kew 1
Pharos (The Farmer) 155 C. G. Jack 2
Blenheim (Mac Macley) 147 A. W. Raymond 3

Also ran:—Portmarnock (C. Encarnacao), Don Ernesto (H. M. R. Hodgman), Lucknow (V. L. Xavier), Pageant Morn (J. Pote-Hunt), Going Slow late White Sphinx (H. W. Keep), Merry Force (A. A. White), King's Jubilee (G. P. Gram).
Won by Short Head, 1 length.
Time, 2.23¾ sec.
Win, $12.40. Places, $8.40, $3.80, $15.30

4.—1½ Mile.
Lal Bagh late Alpino (Lal-Divy) 152 V. V. Needa 1
White Scamp (A. V. White) 150 A. A. White 2
Ideal King (Manx) a151 C. Encarnacao 1

Also ran:—Duke of Cornwall (R Morgan), Merry Rames (E. J. Bell) Wild Horseman (A. Noodt), Clever Lad (G. P. Gram), Stelzenfols (E. B. Cumine), Bengal Lancer (J. Pote-Hunt)
Won by 1 length; 1 length.
Time, 3.21¾ sec.
Win, 12.40. Places, $8.40, $8.80, $15.20.

5.—9 Furlongs.
French Leave (Jack Liddell) a154 Pote-Hunt 1
Early School (Jack Liddell) 142 Gabor Renner 2
Busted Straight (Busted) a159 R. B. Moller 3

Also ran:—Flying High late Wild Goose (V. V. Needa), Friesenfels (E. B. Cumine), Sir Charles, Wavylight (C. B. Moller), Breezylight (G. P. Gram), Morningray (A. Noodt), Mimulus (A. C. Kew), Steve Brodie (A. W. Raymond), White Coronation (R. D. Parkin), Candito (H. M. R. Hodgman), Zafiro (V. L. Xavier), Brisk Morn (H. W. Keep), Cherrybey (C. G. Jack), The Swan (C. Encarnacao), Tower Eve (R. Morgan).
Won by A Neck; ¾ length.
Time, 2.24 sec.
Win, $13.40. Places, $8.20, $18.00, $14.80.

6.—11 Furlongs.
Bramshot (A. S. Henchman) 142 Gabor Renner 1
Coronation Morn (Morn) 160 Pote-Hunt 2
Going Wrong late Necking Morn (E. M. H.) 152 H. W. Keep 3

Also ran:—Canton (A. Noodt), Un-Un-Un (A. C. Kew), Don Agustin (C. G. Jack), Charminglight late Charming Sparrow (C. B. Moller), Lively Morn (G. P. Gram), Fancylight (R. B. Moller).
Won by 1½ length; Short Head.
Time, 3.02¼ sec.
Win, $138.60. Places $14.60, $6.80, $12.60.

7.—7 Furlongs.
The Frigate (Messrs. Winsome & Hasty) 151 V. V. Needa 1
Frostylight (Cire) 165 R. B. Moller 2
Charming Swallow (Charming) 140 H. P. Chanson 3

Also ran:—The New China (A. Noodt), Port St. Mary late Racing Boy (E. Kermode), Goldenlight late Gold Dollars (G. P. Gram), New General late Black Leopard (John H. Zia), Naming Morn (J. Pote-Hunt), Honeymoon Gift (J. B. Lok), Scramble Morn (R. D. Parkin), White Wine (A. A. White), Woodbridge late Vivid Morn (E. B. Cumine), High Power (H. M. R. Hodgman), Bombay (R. Morgan) Merry Hero (C. Encarnacao), Sootylight (C. B. Moller), Don Pedro (A. W. Raymond), Phantom late Phantom Morn (H. W. Keep), Scarlet Morn (P. Y. Vong), Wet Morn (C. G. Jack).
Won by 1 length; A Neck.
Time, 1.47 sec.
Win, $62.20. Places, $16.20, $9.60, $31.00.

8.—9 Furlongs.
Joint Account (C. M. S.) 155 V. V. Needa 1
Runninglight late Running Numbers (Cire) a149 C. B. Moller 2
Sundridge Park (Snack) b154 A. V. Striker 3

Also ran:—Enlargement (V. G. Sung), The Cosmopolitan (R. W. Keep), Duke of York (M. Perske), Record Mark (H. P. Chanson), Prince of Pessimists (J. B. Lok), White Patches (A. A. White), Smart Morn (J. Pote-Hunt), Gold Bloc (A. Noodt).
Won by Short Head; A Neck.
Time, 2.24¾ sec.
Win, $21.40. Places, $10.80, $12.40, $10.20.

9.—¾ Mile.
Tungstenlight late Tungsten (Cire) 161 R. B. Moller 1
Royal Bee II (Elnor) 152 A. Noodt, DH 2
Huntley Watch late Opal Morn (T. Y. Tsoung) 162 J. Pote-Hunt, DH 2

Also ran:—Artimid (V. V. Needa), White Jubilee (E. B. Cumine), So What (Gabor Renner), Tyrant Knight (M. Ferske), Don Patricio (C. G. Jack), See Yue Kee (P. Y. Vong), Gold Idol (C. Encarnacao), Duke of Norfolk (J. B. Lok), Mischief (H. M. R. Hodgman), Lodore (R. Morgan), Sparrow Hawk (A. V. Striker), Pat Yu Shuang (V. L. Xavier), Saucylight (C. B. Moller), R/D (A. C. Kew), Red Devil late Sandy Morn (E. K. Diniz), Legal Tender (A. R. Eisenhut), Morning Glory (H. P. Chanson).
Won by A Head; Dead Heat.
Time, 1.32⅔ sec.
Win, $56.60. Places, $15.60, $3.80, $21.20.

N.Y. AMERICANS STOP BRUINS' MARCH

Toronto Maple Leafs Best Detroit Red Wings

New York, Dec. 26.

The New York Americans snapped the Boston hockey aggregation's five game winning streak to-night by defeating the Bruins 3-1 in a fast, hard-played game.

The Toronto Maple Leafs meanwhile topped the Detroit Red Wings 3-1 while the Chicago Blackhawks were pushing over a 3-1 decision against the Rangers. The Syracuse Stars walloped the New Haven Eagles 4-2 in another fast league clash.—United Press.

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Mrs. J. H. Liddell had the unusual distinction at yesterday's race meeting of having her ponies take first and second places in the fifth race. She is shown above leading in French Leave (J. Pote-Hunt up) first, and Early School (Gabor Renner up) second. The finish is shown in the lower picture. Mr. Busted's Busted Straight (R. B. Moller up), who took third place, being shown on the extreme right.

NEGROES HEAD NEW FIGHT RATINGS

The "Ring" Publishes 1937 Selections

FARR'S UNPRECEDENTED RISE NOTED

New York, Dec. 26.

Two hard-hitting American negroes, Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, and Henry "Hurricane" Armstrong, leading lightweight, today were named by "Ring" magazine as the outstanding fighters of the world during the past year. The rating was made on the basis of votes from sports editors and writers from all parts of the world. The magazine, in publishing the copyright ratings, emphasized it had been "concerned only with actual fights."

The magazine also rated fighters in each recognized division. The featured change in the heavyweight rankings was the drop of the former champion, Jim Braddock, to seventh position. Tommy Farr, British Empire champion, made one of the most spectacular climbs up the fistic ladder during the past year.

"Ring's" ratings for heavyweights was as follows:

1. Joe Louis; 2. Max Schmeling; 3. Tommy Farr; 4. Nathan Mann; 5. Alberto Lovell; 6. Tony Galento; 7. Jim Braddock; 8. Ted Adamick; 9. Maxey Rosenbloom; 10. Roscoe Toles; 11. Arturo Godoy; 12. Bob Pastor; 13. Max Baer.

Unanimous Vote

Unprecedented in "Ring" polls was the unanimous vote giving Henry Armstrong foremost position among featherweights and sufficient votes for first place in the lightweight division over Lou Ambers, ruling champion. The featherweight rankings were:

1. Henry Armstrong; 2. Petey Sarron; 3. Freddy Miller.

Lightweights

1. Henry Armstrong; 2. Lou Ambers; 3. Pedro Montanez; 4. Davey Day.

Welterweights

1. Barney Ross; 2. Ceferino Garcia; 3. Jack Carroll.

Bantamweights

1. Harry Jeffra; 2. Sixto Escobar; 3. Lou Salica.

Flyweights

1. Benny Lynch; 2. Peter Kane; 3. Tiny Bostock; 4. Small Montana.

John Henry Lewis, light-heavyweight champion, ranked at the top of the light-heavies, while Freddy Steele, middleweight king, received foremost position in the middleweight rankings.—United Press.

VON CRAMM DEFEATS DONALD BUDGE

American Gives Poor Show In Sydney

Sydney, Dec. 27.

Baron Gottfried von Cramm, the German tennis ace, achieved to-day what he had been persistently attempting for months, namely, the defeat of Donald Budge, America's No. 1 ranking player and holder of the Wimbledon and American titles, in a tournament.

The German beat the lanky Californian in a match here this afternoon by 6-1, 6-3.

The standard of tennis, however, was poor, and the exhibition proved disappointing to the thousands who had turned up in hopes of witnessing an exciting contest. Budge was careless and apparently uninterested.

This is the first occasion that von Cramm has defeated Budge in tournament play.—Reuter.

TWO FIGHTS FOR JOE LOUIS FORESEEN

Will Meet Gastanaga of Cuba in April

New York, Dec. 1.

Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion of the world, will fight twice this winter, it is announced by Mike Jacobs, the promoter. In both fights, Louis's title will be at stake.

Louis has been in Hollywood for six weeks, making a film, but he is expected in New York shortly with his two managers, Julian Black and Hehn Roxborough, and details will then be arranged.

The first fight is likely to take place in Madison Square Garden, New York, in March and the second in Chicago late in April. Louis's opponent in the second fight will probably be Isadore Gastanaga, of Cuba, who recently outpointed J. H. Lewis, the cruiserweight champion of the world, in a non-title fight.

Perhaps Farr

To find an opponent for the earlier fight some sort of elimination contest will probably be held. Farr may be chosen, if the British and Empire champion should win his fight in Madison Square Garden on January 21. However it is considered somewhat unlikely that Louis would fight Farr in two successive fights.

If Louis retains his championship through these two winter fights he will fight the German, Max Schmeling, in June 1938. Schmeling has been promised a fight with the new champion, if Louis should be defeated.—Reuter.

TRADITIONAL PARIS SWIMMING RACE

Paris, Dec. 26.

The traditional Paris swimming race in the Seine took place here today in water which only had a temperature of 39 degrees Fahrenheit, with the result that the list of entries was very small. The race, which was over a 300 metre course, was won by the young swimmer, Perrentin, in two minutes 40 seconds.—Trans-Ocean.

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6th MARINES BEAT THE BUCCANEERS

Servicemen's Narrow Margin Of Two Points

REDS EASILY DISPOSE OF ALL BLACKS

The Sixth Regiment, U.S. Marines, turned in one of the most successful performances in local basketball history when they overcame the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Buccaneers, Shanghai's championship team, last night in the Invitation League by 34-32.

From the opening play the Marines started off in grand style. Steele set the score rolling when he countered the first goal. Welborn followed suit to secure an early advantage which was really the Marines' foundation of success. The Buccaneers retaliated through Carson who converted two foul throws. Squires scored later to the count at 4-4.

Then a sudden spurt on the part of the Servicemen saw Eldridge, Steele, and Welborn each netting to regain the leadership. Stelle's next basket put the champions in arrears by 12-4. A magnificent rally, however, by the trailers gradually narrowed down the score and, with about five minutes to the end of the first period, the count was deadlocked for the second time at 16 all. Through extra efforts the Buccaneers garnered another three goals to nose out their rivals by 22-16 at the interval.

The Marine cagers then staged a concerted attack which left the Buccaneers almost at a standstill Each player on the service team had his share in the scoring and the Marines were soon in the lead once more by 26-24.

Buccaneers

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Krause	2	2	0	6
Squires	4	2	2	10
Carson	2	2	2	6
Bernard	0	0	0	0
Biesel	5	0	1	10
Morang	0	0	0	0
	13	6	5	32

6th Regiment

Eldridge	1	0	2	2
Welborn	4	2	1	10
Bradley	3	0	1	6
Miller	4	0	0	8
Steele	3	0	3	6
Brickman	1	0	0	2
Ceeelski	0	0	1	0
	16	2	9	34

Sixth Officers v. Golds

In the next encounter the officers of the Sixth Regiment, U.S. Marine, scored a second consecutive victory by defeating the Golds team of the Fourth Regiment by a heavy margin of 52-28. The winners played in the top of their ability and were practically more than a match for the Golds. In the first half the losers put up an extremely tight defence, using the zone system effectively, but after the interval the officers were in great form for they tallied a string of long range shots and pulled away to win rather one-sidedly. The score for the first half was 20-10.

Honsowitz was the star performer on the victorious side with nine field goals and two foul throws. Williams was also outstanding with six baskets and three foul shots. On the losing team Brown was the only player who could offer any opposition by tallying five shots from the field.

Marine Officers

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Robertshaw	2	0	4	4
Van Oram	1	0	2	2
Williams	6	3	1	15
Stacy	0	0	0	0
Murray	3	1	3	7
Miller	0	0	2	0
Honsowitz	9	2	1	20
Wilde	3	0	0	6
	22	8	13	52

Marine Golds

Koning	1	0	0	2
Carr	1	0	1	2
Palmer	1	3	0	5
Mellon	0	1	0	1
Brown	5	0	1	10
Bryant	1	3	4	5
Miles	1	1	2	3
	10	8	8	28

Fourth Reds v. All Blacks

Playing for the first time in the league the Reds team of the Fourth Marines met no difficulty in disposing of the All Blacks in another tussels last night by a count of 45-12.

Marine Reds

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Goush	1	1	0	3
Nittinger	6	0	0	12
Koning	2	0	0	4
Loper	2	0	0	4
Lewis	2	0	1	4
Solomon	2	1	1	5
Leadbetter	1	0	1	2
Christensen	3	0	0	6
Hatcher	1	0	0	2
Ray	1	0	0	2
	21	3	3	

All Blacks

Tsao	0	0	0	0
Kia	3	0	3	6
Chow	0	0	1	0
Zee	2	0	1	4
Hwa	1	0	0	2
Chang	0	0	0	0
	6	0	5	12

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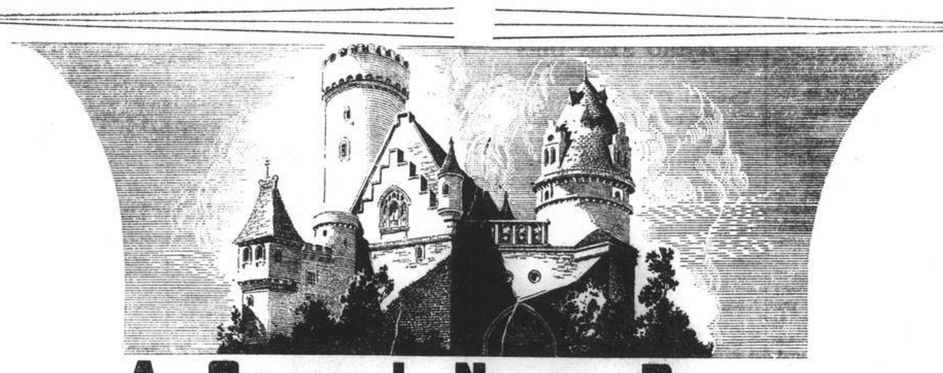

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TOKYO VIEW TOLD OF BRITISH INTERESTS

"Chugai Shogyo" Says Rights Are Under Two Heads

"ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE"

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

Commenting on Britain's rights and interests in China, the "Chugai Shogyo," leading Japanese financial daily, says that although Britain is constantly denouncing Japan on the ground that her rights and interests have been impaired by the hostilities in China, not much study seems to have been made in Britain, much less in Japan, of the nature of the British rights and interests there.

Declaring that it bears no special enmity against Britain, nor has it any inclination to hold her rights and interests in contempt, the daily comments that it would be absurd for Britain to contend that Japan is in the wrong because she takes military action in a country where British rights and interests are enormous.

Of course, Britain will not be so foolish as to advance such a theory, the Tokyo journal goes on, but it appears that Britain's criticism of Japan is chiefly based on the belief that Japan ought to show greater consideration for her rights and interests. "Do the British rights and interests in China merit such special consideration on Japan's part?" it asks.

"Into Two Heads"

The so-called British rights and interests may be divided into two heads, the journal proceeds. One consists of the rights and interests which Britain possesses by virtue of treaties or contracts concluded with the Central or local Governments of China. These include some important items, but are mostly common to the Powers. For instance, extraterritoriality, the right of stationing troops and the right of riparian navigation belong to other Powers as well as Britain. It is true that Britain has certain special rights and interests born of loan contarcts, but some other Powers are in a similar position. It can hardly be said that British loans alone are inviolable and transcend all others. Britain may regard the position held by her subjects in the Chinese Maritime Customs and the custody of the Customs revenue by British banks as among her rights and interests, but these privileges are founded merely on usage. There is no legal basis for the arrangements, nor is it of a permanent nature.

"The second category covers and interests which do not fall under the provisions of treaties," the newspaper goes on, "and although Britain may hold these to be of equal importance, they are, after all, merely investments in commerce and industry, shipping, etc." Although it is difficult to make an accurate estimate of the extent of Britain's investments in China, the fact is undeniable that her investments exceed those of any other Power. It is also easy to imagine that the revenue accruing to Britain from these investments amounts to a large figure.

"Legal Backing"

Whereas the rights and interests of the first classification have legal backing, it is doubtful whether those of the second group can rightly be termed rights and interests. They are, so to speak, the "forms which British activities in China have taken." Economic activities are subject to the vicissitudes of the times; they are not of a constant nature. They cannot be maintained without constant efforts and sacrifices. "Especially when hostilities are in progress, as is the case at present, they are inevitably exposed to a variety of risks. Investors in any part of the world ought to be prepared for such contingencies," the paper asserts.

As regards rights and interests of the first groups, especially those which are exclusively British, the Chugai Shogyo says, they must, of course, be respected, but if Britain wants to maintain them unimpaired, she ought to take the matter up with China, who is the other party to the treaties or contracts concerned. "It is hardly proper for her to question Japan's responsibility over China's head,' the journal concludes.—Reuter.

JAPAN HEADS BRITAIN IN COTTON EXPORTS

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Japan's cotton piece-goods exports in 1936 set a record of a little over 2,700,000,000 square yards, but the total for 1937 is not likely to reach this mark.

It is hoped, however, that there will be an increase in value.

According to investigations by the Japanese Cotton Piece-goods Guild, the total quantity shipped up to December 10 was 2,471 654,000 square yards, a drop of 43,951,000 square yards (1.7 per cent.) compared with the same period in 1936. Assuming that there will be a shipment of 192.192,000 square yards during the rest of the year as in 1936, the total will be 2,663,847,000 square yards, a decrease of 43,951,000, (1.4 per cent.)

On the other hand, the value up to December 10 was Y.539,685,000, nearly £32,000,000, an increase of Y.92,669,000 (20.7 per cent.) compared with the corresponding period of 1936.

The heavy increase in value is ascribed largely to the higher cost of raw cotton for which Japan's import control was partly responsible. Another reason is that there has been a fall in shipments of grey cloth and an increase in shipments of finished goods. The Japanese Press states that the increase in value is welcome, because Japan has often been accused of "dumping."

It is stated that Japan still leads Britain in quantity.—Reuter.

SWEDISH COMMITTEE AIDS SPANISH REFUGEES

Paris, Dec. 25.

The Swedish Relief Committee for Republican Spain has started an extra fund for bringing aid to Spanish refugee children, according to a statement published in the Communist organ "Ce Soir."

After having already taken charge of 400 Spanish Republican refugee children, the committee now intends to provide for an additional 200 children who have been transferred from Republican Spain to Bayonne.—Trans-Ocean.

ROTATING-WING AIRCRAFT

United Kingdom Has Played Predominant Part In Developing Gyroplanes

Development of rotating-wing aircraft, in which the United Kingdom has played a predominant part for the past 12 years, is entering a new and most promising stage. Hopes which had waned for some time are revived by new discoveries. Problems which threatened to stifle the emergence of practical gyroplanes appear likely to be solved. Military, naval and civil aviation may benefit from gyroplane experiments which are planned for the spring and summer of next year.

The Air Ministry has ordered five "jumping" autogiros—the last contribution to rotating-wing flight of the late Juan de la Cierva—which will be used in Service trials. These are small aircraft, with enclosed cabin and side-by-side seats for two, developed from the C.30 open-cockpit two- seater which was built in some numbers by the Avro Company and was tested with army co-operation squadrons. The title "jumping" autogiro describes its ability to make inital vertical ascents without forward run to a height of 20 or 30 feet. Reconnaissance near the battlefront, the transport of high officers, photography and survey, are tasks that the military autogiro might fulfil; at sea, its capacity for steep ascent and descent enables it to operate from a space on shipboard very little larger than is needed by a catapult.

Mr. Hafner, an Austrian engineer, appears to have carried the technique of gyroplane design and construction even beyond the pioneer achievements of Mr. de la Cierva. His first United Kingdom built machine, called the A.R.III single-seater, astonished the visitors to this year's S.B.A.C. Display. His company is now engaged on the construction of two cabin gyroplanes, one to carry two and the other three occupants, which are expected to take the air early in 1938.

Each of the new Air Ministry craft will derive power from a Siddeley Genet Major 160 h.p. engine, which may be clutched in to the rotor for take-off. The wooden fuselage is planned as a monocoque shell, free of internal bracing members. "Jump" take-off is secured by an automatic change in angle of incidence of the rotor blades. When the pilot, after spinning up the vanes under engine power to a speed well above that obtaining in free flight, disconnects the engine from the rotor, the blades twist from the neutral "no lift" angle to an angle of pronounced lift, and the machine rises vertically till the rotor speed has decelerated to normal flying rate. In effect, the rotor automatically converts itself from a flywheel to a screw. In the Hafner gyroplane the pilot himself actuates a control which changes the angle of incidence of the blades to secure vertical take-off.

Driving on the Headlights

Mr. Hafner believes that eventually the fixed-wing flying machine—the aeroplane—will have its place in civil aviation solely as a vehicle over long distances for fast passenger and mail traffic between large and well-surfaced aerodromes or sea harbours, leaving the short runs, the door-to-door journeys and the bulk of pleasure flying to the gyroplane, which he expects to bring to the sphere of aviation the handiness and ubiquity of the automobile. Calculations show that the Hafner three-seater now in course of development should be able to carry a reasonable useful load and to take-off without forward run and in "no wind" conditions in a smooth climb steep enough to clear a tree 40 feet high 40 yards from the point of ascent. It should be able to land without run within a still shorter distance over a similar barrier. Because of its ability to fly at low forward speed it should move safely in mist or at night, driving on its headlights like an automobile and with plenty of time to avoid obstacles when flying near the ground. The designers state that it may fly more slowly under full control than a ship can steam on the water, yet its maximum level speed is expected to exceed 120 m.p.h. and its rate of climb to compare favourably with that of many fixed-wing aircraft.

The A.R.III single-seater is now undergoing tests at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, including kinematic study of the movements of the lifting vanes in flight. Points in which it differs from its Cierva forerunners are the variable incidence device embodied in the rotor and the tie-rod attachment of the rotor blades. The blade attachment is designed to prevent loads and stresses "building up" on the hinges at the rotor head. thereby enabling the designer to keep down the weight of the mechanism and to provide light and untiring flying control. The aircraft is controlled about all axes by change of blade incidence, without actual tilting of the whole rotor head. Two finger-tip controls, the control column and the lift lever, gvern this mechanism, by means of which the gyroplane may be climbed, turned, banked or dived.

In his paper before the Royal Aeronautical Society on 14th October, Mr. Hafner described the technique of take-off and descent. He said: "With the wheel brakes on, the pitch control lever is set forward to the non-lift angle and the rotor clutch is brought gradually into engagement, where it is held by a pawl.

Piloting a Gyroplane

"When the rotor reaches the required rotational speed, the throttle is fully opened, the clutch automatically slipping to permit this, and the pilot grips the pitch control lever. thus releasing the trip of the clutch. He then eases the lift lever backwards, and 'feels' the machine into the air. The period over which the control is operated varies with wind conditions, being shorter when the wind enables flying speed to be reached more rapidly, and the machine take-off even in still air with no forward run. Climb continues steadily and directly from take-off, the normal angle being about one in three.

"Take-off procedure may also be varied to suit the ground surface. Should this be very rough a rapid initial movement of the lift lever will raise the machine clear of the excrescences, while a gradual conversion of the remaining energy will hold it in th the air till flying speed is reached. As the machine nears the ground, the pitch control may be moved backwards over the positive range, and the increase in lift reduces the sinking speed sufficiently to permit a gentle landing without run."

Much has yet to be done before these new gyroplanes may be launched in big production. Meanwhile, there is interest in developments which promise one practical solution of many of the problems of heavier-than-air flight.

PORT OF LONDON TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Big Reconstruction and Expansion Work In Hand

The Port of London Authority recently announced that the docks and warehouses bordering on the River Thames were to be improved and extended at a cost of £12,000,000. This progressive policy has been amply justified by the rapidly increasing traffic, and the latest returns show that last year the volume of shipping broke all previous records. According to the annual report recently issued by the Port of London Authority, the total net register tonnage of vessels using the Port of London during the calendar year 1936 was over sixty-two million, which is an increase of two and a half million on 1935 and three and a half million on 1934.

In order to avoid dislocation of traffic, the work of improvement has been carefully planned and will be carried out by sections. The expansion of Millwall Docks, and the erection there of new timber storage sheds has been taken in hand recently; reconstruction is also in progress at the Victoria Docks and at the West India Docks. The latter are the oldest docks built for handling cargo on the River Thames, but when the work has been completed they will be the most modern and the best equipped of their type in the world. At Canary Wharf, where the fruit boats are berthed, the whole quay is being widened for a distance of 620 feet in order to make room for new warehouses, and mechanical equipment is being installed which will unload bananas automatically and deliver them to lorries and railway vans. The complete development scheme provides for the building of a new graving dock, the improvement of roads and railways and the modernization of the 4,200 acres of dockland and 45 miles of quays of the Port of London.

FAMOUS VIOLINIST AND RADIO STAR DIES

Emilio Colombo Frequently Played to Royal Family

Emilio Colombo, the violinist, collapsed and died in London on Nov. 24 He was 63 years old, states the "Evening Standard."

He had been playing a Viennese waltz at a West End hotel when he had a heart attack. A doctor attended him. He was taken home. Doctors tried all night to save him, but he died at 6 a.m.

Emilio Colombo has played frequently for members of the British Royal Family. Millions of radio listeners knew his music.

He had a full, distinguished and adventurous life.

He was born at Magenta, Italy, and his musical career began when he was seven years old. Propped up on bundles of scores he played first violin in his father's orchestra travelling around Europe.

At St. Petersburg Tschaikovsky heard him play and on his advice he was sent to Liége to perfect his technique.

In 1910 he went to live in St. Petersburg. Concerts brought him fame. He became the Tsar's violinist.

At the Russian Court he saw Rasputin, of whom he once wrote:

Rasputin was very fond of dancing. He would come up to me and say, "Play for me. Colombo." As I played he would dance. A broad smile would light up his face, he would raise his arms above his head, smack his fingers and thumbs together in time to the music, and dance. His dancing was anything but graceful, and reminded me of nothing so much as the performance of a great Russian bear.

Revolution Escape

The revolution broke. Colombo made his way through Siberia. Scenes of terror and confusion surrounded him. He reached Vladivostok penniless, filthy, and desperate.

But his fame had gone ahead. He sailed for Japan. In Tokyo he played before members of the Imperial Family.

From Tokyo he went to Hongkong, from Hongkong to Singapore. Thence he travelled to the Dutch East Indies, to Canada, and, in 1920, to England.

His playing attracted the attention of the Duke and Duchess of York, who invited him to play to their guests. Later he received similar invitations from the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family.

In May this year the B.B.C. invited him to give a special Coronation broadcast of "Royal Reminiscences," incorporating all the favourite melodies of the King and Queen, the Duke of Windsor and other members of the Royal Family who had asked him to play for them.

Afterwards records were made of these tunes and the King and Queen accepted a copy of each.

Colombo at times would practise in Kew Gardens. When he practised at home he used a muted violin, designed by himself, so that his neighbours should not be annoyed.

On night of death Colombo was to have played at the Italian Embassy.

RECORD NUMBER OF CRUISERS

London, Dec. 26.

The year 1937 has been a record year in the British navy for the construction of cruisers, declares the "Sunday Times."

During the year, the paper states, six cruisers of the Southampton type, 6,000 tons armed with twelve six-inch guns and 8 anti-aircraft guns, and one cruiser of the Arethusa type have slid off the ways. Also built were nine torpedo boats, three submarines, three mine sweepers, and three torpedo carrying cutters, while a hundred other units are at present under construction.

In conclusion the paper states that if 1937 was a record year for the construction of cruisers, 1938 will be a record year for the construction of torpedo boats and submarines.—Havas.

£456,165 CLAIM BY SHIPOWNERS

Vessels on British War Service

Six Finnish shipowners, described by counsel as "practically the whole of the Finnish mercantile marine," were the plaintiffs in an action involving £456,165, which came before Mr. Justice Luxmoore in the Chancery Division recently. The defendants were Baring Brothers and Company Ltd., the bankers, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

The plaintiffs claimed a declaration that out of the funds standing with the defendants to the credit of the Russian Government that sum had been assigned to them or to their predecessor in title.

The names of the shipowners in the case were Finska Angfartygs Aktiebolaget, Angfartygs Aktiebolaget Finska Lloyd, Johann Walter Paulin, trading as J. W. Paulin and Company, Rederiaktiebolaget Trio, Angfartygs Aktiebolaget Transito, and Rederiaktiebolaget Argonaut.

Baring Brothers denied that the Russian Government became indebted to any of the shipowners respecting the amount mentioned. They pleaded that they were bankers to the Tsarist Russian Government in the ordinary course of business, subject to the exception that in the case of sums to be debited to the account known as the Compte Special the approval of the British Treasury had to be obtained.

Mr. A. T. Miller, K.C., for the shipowners, said their claim was that the money was assigned to them in October, 1917, by the then Russian Government out of money belonging to that Government.

In October, 1917, and continuously up to the present, he said, very large sums in sterling had been held by Baring Brothers on account of the Russian Government. He understood that the accounts were in excess of £4,250,000.

The account with which they were concerned was the Compte Special, in which there was a credit balance of more than £874,000.

The plaintiffs appeared as being the owners, at all relevant times, of the 13 Finnish vessels named in the particulars, said Mr. Miller. During the second half of 1916 the vessels were requisitioned by the Russian Government and handed forthwith to the British Government.

The vessels were employed by the British Government in war service running between British and French ports. During 1917 five were lost and there were claims in respect of four. Compensation was paid for the others.

In this war service the vessels were entitled to be paid hire and to compensation for loss.

"One has the curious position," said Mr. Miller, "that these Finnish ships in service under the British Government, were paid for to the Russian Government at British rates, but the Finnish owners have received nothing."

The Russian Government in Petrograd decided to pay the sums now claimed, he said. They ordered payment up to Aug. 1, 1917. Had it not been for the outbreak of the Bolshevik Revolution and the displacement of the Government by the Soviet Government in Nov., 1917, the cash would have been handed over.

Mr. Miller said the Russian Government had expressed a firm intention to have nothing to do with the case. They could not be forced to come into court.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Baring Brothers, said the bankers had an enormous number of claims against these funds. It was their duty not to pay the money unless title to it could be proved. Otherwise they had no interest in the matter.

The hearing was adjourned.

SYMPATHIZERS SEND MESSAGE TO NEGUS

Haile Selassie Broadcasts to United States

London, Dec. 25.

Twelve hundred members of the Association of Friends of Abyssinia to-day sent a Christmas message to "His Imperial Highness, Haile Selassie, Negus Negesti, Lion of Judea, Christian Emperor of Ethiopia" in which they wrote:

"We are not forgetful of the fate of Ethiopia and are resolved to reinforce our efforts for her liberation."

The Negus broadcast a Christmas message to the United States, asserting that peace would reign on earth if humanity is worthy of it. No interest or right justifies war, he said, but unfortunately ambitious men succumb to bad temptations and lead peoples towards crime and desolation. By these aggressions treaties guaranteeing each people security and peace lose their sacred character.

Twenty centuries of Christian civilization is threatened with disaster and replacement by the law of the strong. It is, therefore, urgent that pacific people gather to re-establish law and peace in the world. He concluded by wishing a Merry Christmas to the American people and asking them not to forget the weak and oppressed peoples who h[illegible] confidence in the "flag of the cou[illegible] of liberty."—Havas.

BARONET SENTENCED TO JAIL

An Associate of Men With Criminal Records

Sir John Corbin Chubb. a 33-year-old Baronet, said to have lived "a loose, idle sort of life," was sentenced at the Old Bailey to six months imprisonment for conspiracy to defraud.

John Edward Howard, a 56-year-old secretary, accused with him, was sentenced to 18 months.

"There is no doubt," said Det.-Inspector White, "that for some years Sir John has associated with a number of persons with criminal records, and they have used him for their own interests."

Lady Chubb's Plea

Inspector White added that on August 17 he had an interview with Lady Chubb, who requested his assistance to get her husband away from associates.

"What has led a man with an income of £2,500 a year to get into this trouble?" asked the Recorder (Mr. Gerald Dobson).

Inspector White: I think he has been influenced by Howard and another man who was before you in September.

Howard's real name was John Thomas Baghino. He had nine previous convictions, the first of them in Australia and South Africa.

In 1929 he was sentenced to four years' penal servitude for housebreaking and receiving. He had since been writing books and making an effort to get an honest living. He was married, with one child.

"He tells me," said Inspector White, "that he has an allowance of £100 a year, which he has received since he was 19. He is an educated man and a clever scoundrel."

During the last few years Sir John Chubb had been living a loose, idle sort of life.

The Recorder, passing sentence, said, "I have no doubt that Howard was the instigator, and that Sir John Chubb could easily have refrained from participating in it."

"Path to Ruin"

Addressing Sir John, he told him: "You have had an independent income, and could have resisted temptation. You are a man of education, and have had every advantage in the world, yet you deliberately allowed yourself to be led along the path which leads to destruction, and now brings about your ruin.

"Perhaps a sentence of imprisonment will enable you to realise what nothing else has done, that the honest way of living is the only way to happiness."

Lady Chubb was in a state of collapse after her husband had been sentenced. She went down to the cells to see him, and then drove with a friend to her Kensington flat.

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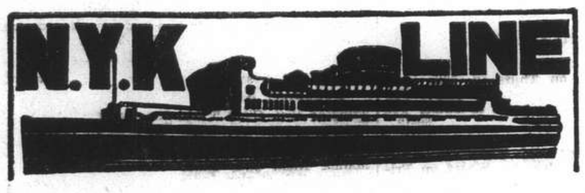

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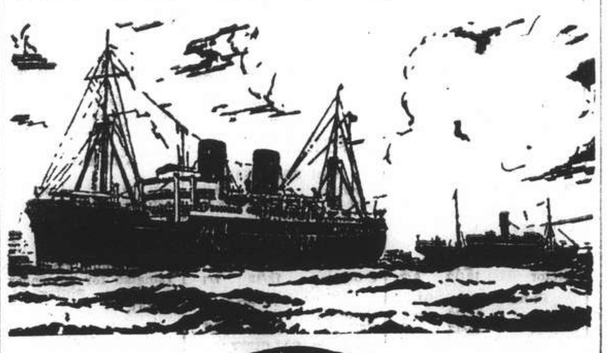

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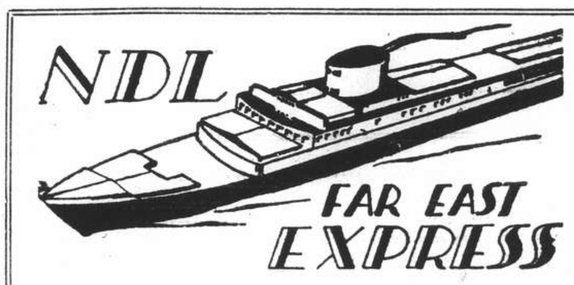

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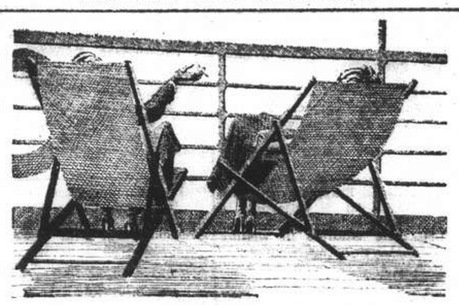

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Barometer inches	30.38	30.43	30.43	30.46	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.05	+0.06	+0.06	+0.03	—	—
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	+0.01	0.00	+0.05	+0.03	—	—
Wind (direction)	NNW	NNW	N	NNW	—	—
„ (miles per hour)	8.1	1.9	5.0	3.1	—	—
Temperature (F'ahr.)	43.°0	36.°1	34.°3	35.°2	—	—
Humidity %	60	87	81	80	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	3	0	7	5	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 26	Mean 1937	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (64 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.40	+0.02	30.33
Temp. Min. 31.°5 Max. 50.°5	41.°0	+0.°7	40.°1
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	38.65	—	44.50

Date	28/12	29/12	30/12	31/12	1/1
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.51	6.51	6.52	6.52	6.53
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.58	16.59	17.00	17.00	16.59
Moon rises at Shanghai	3.07	4.00	4.52	5.41	6.39
Moon sets at Shanghai	13.50	14.33	15.19	16.09	17.00
Flood makes Shanghai	7.30	8.20	9.02	9.37	10.00
Ebb makes Shanghai	12.30	13.20	14.48	15.02	15.34
H.W. at Woosung Bar	9.15	10.12	10.58	11.36	11.58

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Somali 11/12 24/1
Carthage 17/11 24/1 *

From GLASGOW
Ajax 4/12 20/1
Hector 18/12 5/2

From LIVERPOOL
Ajax 11/12 20/1
Hector 28/12 5/2

From GDYNIA
Menelaus 24/12 9/2

From MARSEILLES
D'Artagnan 26/11 28/12
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F. Roussel 24/12 24/1

From COPENHAGEN
Tongking — 8/2

From HAMBURG
Franken 18/12 5/2
Menelaus 28/12 9/2
Gneisenau — 12/2

From TRIESTE
C. Verde — 28/12
C'lazzo 20/11 7/1
Volpi 21/12 10/2

From GENOA
C. B'camano 18/12 11/1

From PORT SAID
Burdwan 24/11 28/12
Somali 21/12 24/1

From MASSOWAH
C. Verde 9/12 28/12

From KARACHI
C'tellazzo 12/12 7/1

From BOMBAY
C. Verde 17/12 28/12
Chitral 23/12 10/1 *

From CALCUTTA
Shirala 17/12 10/1 *

From COLOMBO
C'tellazzo 19/12 7/1

From MELBOURNE
Nellore 1/12 6/1

From SYDNEY
Nellore 11/12 6/1

From SINGAPORE
Burdwan 18/12 28/12

From N.E.-I.
Tjinegara — 20/1
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From HONGKONG
C. Verde 25/12 28/12

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E. Russia — 28/1

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Lossiebank — 29/12
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From SEATTLE
Tyndareus 31/12 2/2

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. — 31/12

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Dairen M. — 1/1
Dairen M. — 7/1
Dairen M. — 13/1

From TIENTSIN
Fausang — 31/12

From CHEFOO
Fausang — 31/12

From SWATOW
Leesang — 29/12
Chaksang — 31/12

From HONGKONG
Leesang — 29/12
Chaksang — 31/12

From TUNGCHOW
Wusueh — 28/12
Pingwo — 29/12

Vessels Leaving

YANGTZE RIVER

WUSUEH Dec. 30. TUNGCHOW. — From French Bund on Thursday, 30th at 8 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

NORTH CHINA COAST

SHENGKING Dec. 28. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, 28th at 10 a.m. Calling at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-12

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

CHEKIANG Dec. 30. TSINGTAO and TIENTSIN. — leaves on Thursday, 30th at 9 a.m. (Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only). For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

LEESANG Dec. 31. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Kinleeyuen Wharf on Friday, Dec. 31, at a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 30-12

SHUNTIEN Jan. 1. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Saturday, 1st at 10 a.m. Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire. Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 1-1

SOUTH CHINA COAST

MUIHOCK Dec. 29. HONGKONG.—Sails from Kinleeyuen Wharf on Wednesday, December 29. For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 29-12

SOOCHOW Dec. 30. AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Thursday, 30th at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

TAKSANG Dec. 30. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—Sails from Hunt's Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. New fast steamer. Good passenger accommodation. Tender for passengers leaves Peking Road Jetty noon Thursday, Dec. 30. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 30-12

SZECHUEN Jan. 1. SWATOW, HONGKONG, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, January 1st at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 1-1

STRAITS AND EUROPE

SOUDAN Dec. 28., MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 28-12

GLENIFFER Dec. 31. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-12

TITANIA Dec. 31/Jan. 2. DIRECT for ALGIERS, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.—Motor vessel Titania of the Wilhelmsen Lines will load at Shanghai from December 31st to January 2nd for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading issued to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Optional Bills of Lading for United Kingdom ports. For freight or passage please apply to: Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 31-12

MEMNON Jan. 2. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW (via JAPAN, HONGKONG and STRAITS.)—Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Tel. 82020. 2-1

RAWALPINDI Jan. 4. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 4-1

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Date and Destination	*Per*	*Reg.*	*Ord.*
TUESDAY, Dec. 28			
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Shengking	*19.00	7.15
Ningpo	Tembien	10.30	11.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Joan Moller	11.00	12.30
Chinwangtao	Joan Moller	12.30	13.00
Manila Aust. N.Z. Indo-China S.S. Ceylon India Suez Europe via Suez	Conte Verde A	16.00	18.00
Hongkong and Canton	Conte Verde	17.30	18.00
Nantung	Liangchow	16.30	17.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	Shanghai Maru	17.30	18.00
Japan via Kobe	D'artagnan X	17.30	18.00
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29.			
Tinghai and Haimen Che.	Ano-Vathy X	9.30	10.00
Manila Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Muihock	14.00	15.00
Hongkong and Canton	Muihock	14.30	15.00
Nantung	Wusueh	16.30	17.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Chekiang	16.30	18.00
Tsingtao and Tientsin	Chekiang	17.30	18.00
Honolulu (Z) and U.S.A. (Z) via Hongkong	Soochow BX	—	—
Amoy Hongkong Canton	Soochow	18.30	19.00
THURSDAY, Dec. 30.			
Swatow Hongkong Canton	Taksang	9.30	10.00
U.S.S.R. Canada Europe via Pacific	Nagasaki M.	16.00	18.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.	17.30	18.00
Nantung	Kungwo	16.30	17.00
Manila Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Gleniffer X	17.00	18.00
Hongkong and Canton	Gleniffer X	17.30	18.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Leesang X	17.30	18.00

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Vessels Leaving (cont.)

STRAITS AND EUROPE

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D'ARTAGNAN Jan. 8. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 8-1

AMERICA

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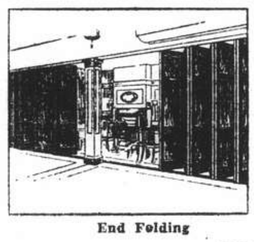

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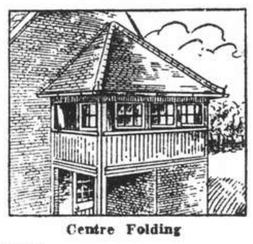

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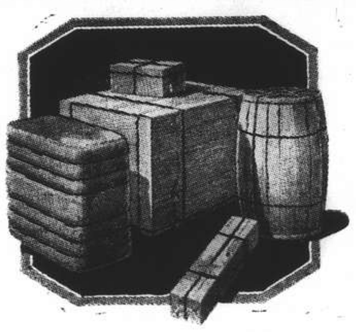

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CHRISTMAS TALE COMES TRUE

Young Man's Life Saved by Serum from Male Cobra

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Christmas stories sometimes come true. A modern version has just happened.

A wealthy young Belgian was stricken with illness at Brussels so that the doctors despaired of saving his life. When it appeared that all hope must be abandoned, the doctors called in a famous specialist who is a professor at Brussels university. The specialist decided to try using a special serum but needed poison taken from a male cobra. Telephone calls were immediately put through to all zoological gardens in Europe but a difficulty arose in that nobody seemed to know how to tell the sex of snakes. Finally the Berlin zoo reported that they knew of a dealer who had in his shop two cobras, of which he was sure which must be the male and which female. Both were immediately sent by aeroplane to the professor at Brussels. Thick fog prevented the plane getting further than Cologne but the two cobras were rushed on by train. The serum was obtained on Christmas Eve and injected into the sick man whose life was thereby saved.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO-GERMAN AMITY AGAIN URGED

"Le Journal" Points Out Real Good in Nazi Regime

Paris, Dec. 27.

Franco-German rapprochement has come to the fore again with an exchange of Christmas goodwill messages and occupies the attention of the French Press.

M. Pierre Dominique, writing in the Radical Socialist paper, "Republique," states that France should refrain from entering into a military alliance with Soviet Russia. Every Frenchman, particularly an ex-serviceman, would honestly welcome a Franco-German rapprochement.

"Le Journal" protests in two lengthy articles against the tendentious press reports depicting material conditions in Germany in the darkest colours. The paper writes that a shortage of supplies undoubtedly exists in various domains in Germany and that the German authorities have never attempted to conceal this fact. The Four Year Plan would otherwise have been superfluous. The paper states, that German substitute materials are not of inferior quality but may be expected to find access to foreign markets in two or three years. Except for butter and fats, which are rationed, life in Germany was no more difficult than in most countries.

The paper goes on to point out that there is now more money in Germany than was the case some years ago and that money also circulates much more rapidly to-day. The situation of the working classes is, according to the paper, also much improved since the National Socialist party has accomplished a great deal for them, not only from the social but also from the purely human point of view.—Trans-Ocean.

WELFARE MINISTRY FOR JAPAN DUE

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

If the Privy Council approves the project on Dec. 29, the Ministry of Public Welfare will be established on January 16, Government officials predicted to-day.—Domei.

SIGHT-SEERS POUR INTO HONGKEW

Fairly Large Crowds Visit North-of-Creek Areas

NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS REPORTED

Fairly large crowds of foreign sight-seers poured into the north-of-the-creek areas all day yesterday, the combination of the partial throwing-open of the district with the Christmas holidays, not to mention the fine weather, forming a temptation too hard to resist. No untoward incidents were reported during the day, and the visitors were allowed to pass freely wherever they chose, save in certain specified sectors. After 11.30 o'clock last night, however, the streets were silent, for curfew is still in effect between that hour and 5 o'clock in the morning.

Hongkew and Yangtszepoo clearly show the sterness of the battle which raged around there for many weeks before the Chinese troops finally retreated to other positions. Houses have been smashed and broken, literally pulverized in many cases, and the area as a whole has not yet even started to be cleared up.

And yet, at the same time, there are many buildings, notably those owned by foreigners, which have came through practically unscathed. And this despite the fact that their immediate neighbourhood shows signs of heavy fighting and strong contests for positions.

Few Chinese were to be seen on the streets yesterday, for the area is only open to those domestics possessing passes issued by the Japanese, although foreigners are allowed to enter freely. Hongkew Market was almost its old thriving self, with large quantities of fresh fish, vegetables and other commodities on sale at reasonable prices.

Busy Traffic

Although some of those visiting and sight-seeing yesterday were on foot, most of those who went over the creek did so in motor cars, and Hongkew and Yangtszepoo probably saw their busiest street traffic in many weeks past. Save in the case of cars and lorries driven by Japanese military chauffeurs or Japanese residents of the area, traffic on the whole moved at a fairly slow pace, the occupants of the cars being too interested in what they could see to wish to move at a good rate of speed. Driving, too, was easier owing to the absence of rickshaws.

A few cameras were noted here and there among the sight-seers, but lest this should be taken as an encouragement for other amateur photographers, it should be stressed that while no pass is required of foreigners who wish to enter the area, a special pass must be secured from the Japanese naval authorities where the taking of photographs is concerned.

YUNNANESE GIRLS COME TO JOIN ARMY

Changsha, Dec. 27.

Wearing military uniform and with close-cropped hair, a group of 54 Yunnanese women, led by Miss Hsu Han-chun, has arrived here from Yunnan for active service at the front.

These women have received special military training, and will be assigned to service in the North.—Kuo Min.